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Reserve Funds	11,60,777	8	5

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WANTED—A GRADUATE to read novels with a youngster and to give him explanation. Apply Box No. 986, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3253

WANTED.—A SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEON for the Coghill Dispensary Varsoda. Apply to VARSODA THAKORE SAHEB, stating terms.

WANTED—A SALESMAN for a shop with knowledge of accounts. Salary Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 per mensem. Apply "NANU'S BRASS WORKS," Charni Road, Girgaon, Bombay. 3260

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—A qualified LADY MUSIC (English) TEACHER, full time for the New Parsee Girl's School, Karachi, Pay according to qualifications. Apply JAMSHED N. R. MEHTA, Karachi. 3203

WANTED.—A LADY TEACHER, expert in sewing, needle work and cutting, for the new Parsee Girl's School, Karachi. Pay according to qualifications. Apply JAMSHED N. R. MEHTA, Karachi. 3204

WANTED AT ONCE—A LADY to play the piano and teach English, furnished quarters. Pay Rs. 70—80—100 according to qualifications. Apply LADY SUPERINTENDENT, Mahalaxmi Training College, Ahmedabad. 3235

WANTED for a mofussil Mill—Experienced WIREMEN, who can do casing work. Free quarters and other facilities. Apply stating qualifications and wages to Box No. 974, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3219

WANTED—An Influential CANVASSER, able to push handsome business in Mill Stores and Machinery Parts. Good prospects for an able hand. Apply Box No. 971, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3213

WANTED A smart educated LADY COMPANION for high class Hindu family, for Kashmere from middle of April to June. Everything found. Apply with testimonials stating age, salary to Box No. 970. Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle. 3198

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED—Tuitions by an experienced Matric lady for English. Music also if wanted. Apply to Box No. 983, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3246

WANTED—TUITIONS by an EXPERT in spinning, weaving and dyeing. Guarantees sound practical and theoretical knowledge in the above subjects. For further particulars and terms apply to Box No. 947, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3076

WANTED.

WANTED—One GHARRY SHIGRAM or "VIS-A-VIS" with horse and all complete. Apply personally from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. T. H. MITHRANI, Esq., 521, Walkeshwar Road, Dharma Villas. 3249

WANTED—For the Hot Season a BUNGALOW at Matheran, with two or more bed-rooms. Apply to Box No. 987, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3257

WANTED—A second-hand, BROUGHAM and HORSE in good condition; landaulette preferred. Apply to Box No. 981, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3234

WANTED.—A PUMP for pumping out water from rivers, etc., when making bridges and dams. Send particulars with price to the address of HOME MINISTER, His Highness' Government, Alwar, before 25th March, 1918. 3236

WANTED by a Merchant—A personal LOAN of Rs. 20,000 twenty thousand rupees for one or two years. Interest at one per cent. will be paid every month. Best references will be given. For further particulars please write to Box No. 984 Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3248

WANTED—New or second-hand COMPOUND CONDENSING STEAM ENGINE, about three hundred horses power suitable for driving Cotton Ginnery Rope Flywheel Engine, must be in first class condition. Reply stating pressure, speed and maker. Box No. 920, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 2976

WANTED—OIL ENGINES must be in first class condition and in perfect running order, Diesel or Semi-Diesel type of one hundred B.H.P. to four hundred B.H.P. Full details and particulars are required, also state price, apply to Box No. 976, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3225

WANTED—One Cummin's COTTON BALING PRESS. It must be in working condition and able to press Bales of 400 lbs or 450 lbs. Apply with particulars to Box No. 916 Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle" 291.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE—All pupils, who appeared through our School in the Cambridge Senior Local Exam., last December, have been sent up, this March, to the University Matric Exam., without a single exception. Those ambitious of obtaining this double advantage, should see Principal, THE EMPIRE ENGLISH SCHOOL, without delay, for Prospectus and particulars, 259/261, Hornby Rd., Fort.

FOR SALE

FANS FOR SALE—To work on Kerosine & Spirit, lowest prices. International Engineering Co., 48/52, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. 3160

HANDSEWN FOOTWEAR Write our New Illustrated Price List, containing particulars of our Free Pair Offer. Apply to The SOUTH INDIAN LEATHER, Co., Veyasurpaudy, Madras. 2694.

FOR SALE—One STUDEBAKER MOTOR CAR, 7 Seater 25 H.P., 6 Cylinder, made in America 1916, in good condition and slightly used. Apply to VALLABHDAS TEJPAL, Vadgadi, Bombay. 3163

FOR SALE—4 to 4½ tons THORNYCROFT Lorry type J. 4 cylinder 40 H.P. in perfect running order. Apply to Box No. 960, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3157

FOR SALE—28'X7'X150lbs., 20'X6'X125lbs. LANCASHIRE BOILERS, Complete Ginning and Pressing Factories, other lot of machinery. Apply to ENGINEER Co., Pydhownie, Bombay. 3244

FOR SALE—A GINNING FACTORY of 26 Gins in working order in Berar District. For particulars apply C. BOYCE & Co., Commission Agents, 679, Tardeo Road. 3261

FOR SALE—One 2½ Ton REPUBLIC MOTOR TRUCK, One Model 83B Overland five seater car in first class condition. For particulars apply to The UNITED ENGINEERING Co., 36, Churchgate St., Fort, Bombay. 3251

FOR SALE—One DELAGE CAR, full torpedo Body, seven seater in thoroughly good condition with complete set of accessories. Apply Box No. 979, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3229

FOR SALE—IRON CHIMNIES, for Gin and Press Factory diameter 2ft., 2¼ft., 2½., 2½., 3ft. and 3½. Apply TYEBALI TAJBHOY GUNIJI at Darukhana, Mazagon Bombay. 2987

BUILDINGS.—Land and buildings FOI SALE to suit your requirements are offered by MEHTA & Co., Auctioneers, 25, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay. 2

FOR SALE.—15 tons SULPHATE O ALUMINA, best commercial qualit 17 to 18 per cent. free from iron at the risk of the parties concerned. Please write Messrs. The HARDWARE & SUNDRIES IMPORTING AGENCY, 9, Bank St., Fort Bombay. 3200

FOR SALE—One single cylinder two-seater, SWIFT Car, Bosch magneto, zenith carburator in perfect running order. Apply to Messrs. FRAMJEE and JAMSHEDJEE EDULJEE BATIWALL and Co., Salt Merchant, 179, Janjiker Street, Post No. 3. 3156

TWO MILL AGENTS and OWNERS—Roller Skins, Best quality, special low prices for large orders. Samples and prices from SOUTH INDIAN LEATHER Co., Veyasurpaudy, Madras or our Agents, Messrs. CHICK FOOX & Co., 56, Esplanade Road, Bombay. 2695.

FOR SALE.—Mr. Dikshit's big BUNGALOW at Lanowli, excellent situation, extensive grounds, fine well. Offers will be received by and particulars may be obtained from Messrs. DIKSHIT DHARAMSI & PURUSHOTTUMRAI, Solicitors, No. 1, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay. 2762

BEST QUALITY ONLY—Leathers of all descriptions, including Moroccos, Boot Upper Leathers, Sole Leathers, Harness Leather, White Kid Skins and Chrome Leathers. For Prices and Samples apply to The SOUTH INDIAN LEATHER Co., Veyasurpaudy, Madras or to our AGENTS, Messrs. CHICK FOOX & Co., 56, Esplanade Road, Bombay. 2698

TYPEWRITERS FOR SALE.—

	Rs.
Remington No. 7 2 Colours, good as new	140
Underwood No. 5, latest 2 Colours, Fine	190
Remington No. 10, Visible, ...	200
Oliver No. 5 Factory Rebuilt, ...	....
National Portable, Brand New, ...	180

NICOLLS & COMPANY,
Typewriter Experts,
Opp. Petit Institute, Hornby Road,
520 Bombay.

TO BE LET.

FOR HIRE—One Five-seater 6 Cylinder TOURING CAR. For terms apply Box No. 985, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3250

PANCHGANI—TO LET from 15th June large tiled furnished BUNGALOW excellent situation. Apply Dr. ARJANI Hughes Road. 28

LONAVLA HOTEL—Furnished Rooms To Let for season, few rooms left. Apply JEENA & Co., 34, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay. 2990

TO BE LET.—"GULESTAN," on the Murzban and Napier Road, Fort, pleasantly situated and very convenient for Commercial Offices. Apply P. D. PATEL Ismail Building, 381, Hornby Road, Fort. 3233

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NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS stating terms are invited for the lease of the right to work for a period of three years, a Flour Mill, situated at a place connected by railway with and not far from Delhi. Engine is worked by steam. There are four corn grinding mills. For further particulars apply to No. 975, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3221

THE TATA INDUSTRIAL BANK, LIMITED, BOMBAY.

THE BANK will commence business at its temporary premises in Wallace Street, Fort, Bombay, on TUESDAY, 2nd April, 1918. 3252

THE WESTERN INDIA SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as per Resolution passed at the Board's meeting held on the 12th March, 1918, an ad-interim Dividend at Rs. 50 per share for the half year ending 31st December, 1917, will be paid at the Registered office of tht Company No. 12, Hummum Street, Fort, on and after TUESDAY, the 2nd April, 1918, between the hours of 12-30 and 3-30 p.m., (S.T.), to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register on 22nd March, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd March to 27th March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
(Sd.) THACKERSEY MOOLJI SONS CO.,
Secs., Tres. and Agents.
Bombay, 18th March, 1918. 3255

NOTICE.

THE EASTERN BANK, LIMITED.
(Incorporated in England.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from 23rd March to 28th March, 1918, both days inclusive. 3166

NOTICE.

WANTED—PURCHASERS of a Kerosine Oil Engine, 12 B.-H.-P., open for view in the Municipal Office, to be sold by auction on 20th April, 1918.

M. R. DHOLAKIA,
Chief Officer
Barsi, 12th March, 1918. 3119

NOTICE.

WANTED—Experienced PLUMBERS to work up house connections (labour only) at a rate in terms of pipe length. Quote experience and terms. For particulars see personally or apply to the undersigned.

M. R. DHOLAKIA,
Chief Officer.
Barsi, 12th March, 1918. 3120

FOR SALE.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR SAFE INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL.

A COMPLETE up-to-date FACTORY, situated in the best commercial centre in the Punjab, within City Walls, consisting of one 10 Sack Roller Flour Mill Plant, one 10 ton Ether System Ice Machine, 40 Platt's Single Roller Cotton Gins, one Stewart's Cotton Baling Press with Engine, 15 Rice Hullers, 6 ordinary Atta Mills, 2 double cylinder Engines, 2 Lancashire Boilers with Electric Dynamo and freehold land about 18,000 yards. Everything is in thorough good working condition. Property open to inspection; offers may be sent for whole or any part thereof. Buyers shall be responsible for all expenses of Sale. No offers received after 31st March, 1918, will be entertained.

For further particulars, please apply to:—
GIRDHARI LAL,
Chatiwind Gate,
Amritsar.
2913

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have contracted to purchase from AMMERBHAI USMANBHAI NAKHUDA, of Surat Mahomedan Inhabitant the property hereunder described. All persons having any claim in or to the said property whether by way of mortgage, sale, gift, lease, trust, inheritance, charges, possession, maintenance or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned in writing at his residence in house No. 64 and 66, Abdur Rehman Street, outside the Fort of Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim which shall then be considered to have been waived and treated as null and void.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of perpetual Fazandari land or ground together with messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Abdul Rehman Street without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one hundred and twelve square yards and three-ninths of another square yard or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 79, New No. 201, Old Survey 1086 and Survey No. 1951 and bounded as follows:—that is to say on or towards the East by the said Abdul Rehman Street, on or towards the West by a public Sweeper's passage, on or towards the south by the proper of Haji Joosub Moosa and on or towards the north by the property of Khatri Arab Ahmed which said premises are assessed by the Collectod of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 12, and Street Nos. 64-66 and are now in the occupation of the Vendor's tenants.

MAHOMED SULEMAN MIA.
Bombay, 12th March, 1918. 3084

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NOTICE.

PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED that Mr. H. C. DIVAN, who was working as a manager in our firm, has CEASED to work as such from the 7th day of March, 1918, and the firm has no concern or connection whatsoever with him from the aforesaid date.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1918.
L. TRICUMDAS & Co.,
T. PARMANAND & Co.,
Proprietors.
79, Apollo Street, Fort,
Bombay, 19th March, 1918.

NOTICE.

NOTICE NO. 737 OF 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION of right of pulling down and removing six buildings, standing in 50ft. road line in front of Police Lines at Kurla, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1918, at 4 p.m.

2. Terms can be had from Municipal Office.

(Sd.) N. S. KARANJIA,
Vice-President,
Kurla Municipality.
Kurla, 18th March, 1918. 3252

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIVE PORT TRUST BONDS of Rs. 1,000, each bearing Nos. 2738-2739-2740-2741-2742, and FIVE MUNICIPAL DEBENTURES, each of Rs. 1,000 bearing Nos. 63-64-65-66-67, standing in the name of my client, Bai Manibai, widow of Lalcobhai Kalyandas, have been STOLEN from her house at 2nd Khataralli Lane. Public are hereby warned against dealing in any way either by sale, pledge or transfer with reference to the said Bonds and Debentures.

Any person giving trace to the finding of the said Bonds and Debentures will be amply rewarded.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1918.
THAKOREDAS T. PAREKH,
Vakil, High Court.
741, Girgaon Tram Terminus,
Bombay. 3238

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS are invited and will be received in the office of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1918, upto 1 o'clock p.m. (Standard Time), for the following services, for the official year 1918-1919.

(1) Supply of road metal, yellow muram, black sand, and Mahim sandstone, in all subdivisions except in H. and J. Subdivisions.
(2) Supply of road metal, black sand, and hard muram in 'H' Sub-division only.
(3) Supply of ordinary carts and bullocks, with drivers, in all subdivisions, except in H and J Subdivisions.
(4) Supply of ordinary carts and bullocks, with drivers in H Subdivision only.
(5) Supply of red hill earth, manure and fine earth for gardening purposes, in all subdivisions except in H and J Subdivisions.
(6) Supply of "unslaked lime" to be slaked with fresh water at site of all works in the Presidency District.
(7) Supplying and fixing panes of glass to doors and windows, etc., of Government buildings in all subdivisions.

Further particulars may be obtained at the office of the undersigned. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any tender or tenders and no reason will be given for the acceptance or the rejection of any tender. Tender forms will be issued on payment of the usual fees, during office hours either on personal application or by duly authorized agents. Forms of tender can be had from this office on week days during office hours, but no forms will be issued on the day the tenders are to be received. Rs. 100 (one hundred only), as earnest money, should accompany each tender, and security deposit as mentioned in the tender form for each service, will be required in Government Promissory Notes, from the tenderer whose tender is accepted.

(Sd.) A. H. WHYTE,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.
Bombay, 18th March, 1918. 3239

THE HINDUSTAN SPINNING & WEAVING MILLS COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as per Resolution passed at the Board's meeting held on the 12th March, 1918, an ad-interim Dividend at Rs. 60 per whole share and Rs. 15 per quarter share for the half year ending 31st December, 1917, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 12, Hummum Street, Fort, on and after TUESDAY, the 2nd April, 1918, between the hours of 12-30 and 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register on 22nd March, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd March to 27th March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
(Sd.) THACKERSEY MOOLJI & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.
Bombay, 18th March, 1918. 3256

FOR SALE.

20 PLATT'S DOUBLE ROLLER GINS with one DOUBLE OPENER, complete with pulleys and shafting.
All Brand New Quite Unused.
For particulars and prices write to
H. BEVIS & CO.,
Post Box 29,
CAWNPORE.
3057

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE BANK will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, that day being a Public Holiday (Jamshedi Naoroz), under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

R. AITKEN,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 14th March, 1918. 3130

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The subscription list will open on the 20th day of March 1918 and close on or before the 31st day of March 1918.

PROSPECTUS

OF

The Broach Fine Counts Spinning & Weaving Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1913.

CAPITAL Rs. 20,00,000

divided into 8,000 Shares of Rs. 250 each.

Of the above Shares, 800 Shares are to be issued and credited as paid up. 5,200 Shares have already been applied for. The remaining 2,000 Shares are now offered for public subscription payable as follows :—

Rs. 25 per share on Application.
Rs. 25 per share on Allotment.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th April 1918.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th May 1918.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th June 1918.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th July 1918.

The shares may be paid up in full on allotment, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum being allowed in respect of the prepayment of instalments.

The right of voting at general meetings is one vote for every share.

DIRECTORS.

SIR SASSOON DAVID, BART., Merchant, Esplanade Road, Bombay.
SIR SHAPOORJI BURJORJI BROACHA, KT., Broker, (of Messrs. Tullockchand and Shapoorji), Apollo Street, Bombay.
D. M. WADIA, ESQ., Merchant, Home Street, Bombay.
HORMASJEE N. VAKEEL, ESQ., Solicitor (of Messrs. Payne & Co.,) Esplanade Road, Bombay.
J. H. DUNKERLEY, ESQ., Merchant, Bank Street, Bombay.
DALSUKHBHAI VADILAL VEERCHAND, ESQ., Merchant, Esplanade Road, Bombay
HUSEINBHOY AHMEDBHOY, ESQ., Merchant, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF BOMBAY.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
THE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

SOLICITORS.

MESSRS. PAYNE & Co.

AUDITORS.

MESSRS. S. B. BILLIMORIA & Co., Esplanade Road, Bombay.

AGENTS.

MESSRS. HUSEINBHOY DALSUKHBHAI & Co.

REGISTERED OFFICE.

ORIENTAL BANK BUILDINGS, 57, MEADOW STREET AND 65, ESPLANADE ROAD, BOMBAY.

The Broach Industrial Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company Limited, which is about the only up-to-date Mills for spinning and weaving fine counts of yarn and cloth and which was erected only about 8 years ago, having gone into Liquidation, though it now appears it will pay not only its creditors in full but Shareholders above par value of their shares, and being wound up under the supervision of the Court, the land, mill buildings and machinery belonging to the Company were put up for sale by public auction and at such sale the same were purchased for Rupees Eighteen Lacs by Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy. This Company has been formed to purchase the said land, buildings and machinery from Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy for the sum of Rupees Twenty Lacs.

Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy has agreed to indemnify the Liquidator of the Company against a certain claim of about Rupees Three Lacs and a quarter which has been made by one Dhirajlal Narbheram Desai, a member of the late Agents of the Company, for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained by him by reason of the winding up of the Company in respect of which a suit has been pending in the High Court of Bombay. Mr. Huseinbhoy has also agreed to indemnify the present Company against a futile claim made by one Bai Tulsa, widow of Farasram Tuiram for forfeiture of the Lease of one of the plots of ground on which certain outhouses and godowns appertaining to the said Mills stand. Bai Tulsa threatened to file a suit long ago, but she has not filed one yet.

The assets to be taken over by the Company consist of :—

(a) Four pieces of land of leasehold tenure situate at Changispoora, Broach, near the Railway Station, Broach, admeasuring together 7 acres and 51 Goonthas.
(b) Mill buildings standing thereon with appurtenant buildings and godowns, residences, chawls and store rooms.
(c) Machinery consisting of one engine, boilers and 24,600 spindles and 232 looms.
(d) Machinery accessories etc.

It is believed that the Broach Industrial Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company Limited started working their mills about the end of 1911 and is in good working order. The spindles are capable of producing yarn up to 100 counts and looms are capable of producing cloth of fine and light quality. If about 3,000 spindles of lower counts are introduced and 50 more looms are added, the spindles would be capable of working yarn and cloth of lower counts from the waste which would otherwise be unavailable for production at the Company's mills. It is to be noted that there are very few mills in India furnished with machinery capable of producing the higher counts and lighter quality of cloth as the spindles and the looms in these mills are.

The following contracts will have to be entered into :—

(a) An Agreement to purchase the mill premises and machinery from Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy at the price of Rs. 20 lacs to be paid as follows :—

800 fully paid up shares of the value of Rs. 250 each, and Rs. 18 Lacs in cash.

(b) An Agreement for appointing Messrs. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy and Dalsukhbhai Vadilal Veerchand as the Company's Agents under the name style and

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firm of Huseinbhoy Dalsukhbhai and Company at the remuneration and for the period mentioned in the Memorandum of Association of the Company.

The following are the provisions of Table A of the Indian Companys' Act which at present applies to the Company relative to the share qualification and remuneration of the Directors :—

The qualification of a Director is his holding of 1 share in the Company of the nominal value of Rs. 250 but it is proposed to raise the number to 20 hereafter.

The remuneration of every Director shall be such as shall be determined by the Company from time to time.

No amount has been fixed as the Minimum Subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment.

800 shares will have to be allotted to Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy as fully paid up as part consideration for the sale of the mill premises and machinery and 5,200 shares have been agreed to be taken up. Except as already stated no shares are issued or agreed to be issued otherwise than for cash.

It is proposed to authorise the Company that it may pay as commission for subscribing or agreeing to subscribe for any shares in the Company which shall not exceed 2%.

The prelimainary expenses are estimated at Rs. 15,000.

Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy is interested in the promotion of the Company as vendor as stated above.

A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is printed in the fold of this Prospectus and forms part of it.

Copies of the Memorandum of Association of the Company may be inspected at the office of the Company's Solicitors at any time during office hours.

Applications for shares should be made on the form enclosed and forwarded to the Company's Agents with remittance at the rate of Rs. 25 per share. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and when the number of shares alloted is less than the number applied for the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the remining payments.

Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained at the office of the Company at Oriental Bank Buildings, Esplanade Road or from the Company's Solicitors.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Dated this 18th day of March 1918.

SASSOON DAVID.
S. B. BROACHA.
D. M. WADIA.
HORMASJEE N. VAKEEL.
J. H. DUNKERLEY.
DALSUKHBHAI VADILAL VEERCHAND.
HUSEINBHOY AHMEDBHOY.

LEGAL NOTICE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

No. 525 E 525.
18-3-18 Recd. 14-3-18.

GEORGE V by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of administration of the property and credits of SHRIPAT DINKAR NANA MOROJI, late of Bombay Pathare Prabhu inhabitant, residing at 2nd Fanaswadi, without the Fort, a minor, under the age of 18 years ...Deceased.

BAI PUTLIBAI, widow of DINKA NANA MOROJI and mother of the deceased abovenamed of Bombay Pathare Prabhu inhabitant, residing at 2nd Fanaswadi, outside the Fort of Bombay Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir STANLEY LOCKHART BATCHELOR, Knight acting Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this Thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand nine hundred and eighteen and in the Eighth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) P. B. MALABARI,
Actg. Registrar.

(Sd.) W. J. HOWARD.

The 13th day of March, 1918.

(Sd.) Messrs. MALVI MODY RANCHHODDAS & CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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SALE BY AUCTION.

J. S. MODY & CO

20, APOLO STREET, FORT.
Telephone No. 3409.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OLD CHINAWARE, ANTIQUE CURIOS, RICH GARDEN PLANTS, ETC.

Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction on SUNDAY, the 24th day of March, 1918, at 2 p.m. (S.T.), in the residential bungalow of the School of Arts Hornby Road (near the Crawford Market and opposite Sitaram Buildings) very valuable household furniture, etc., comprising, dining table, chairs, sideboard, dinner waggons, meat safes, glass and crockeryware, Chesterfield sofas and easy chairs, teapoys, cabinets, book cases, writing tables, set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, valuable books, old blue chinaware, antique curios, bedsteads, almyrahs, clothes and gown presses, dressing and washhand tables, valuable garden plants such as crotons ferns, palms, maiden hair ferns, chrysanthemums, etc., etc.

The property of Cecil L. Burns, Esq. Principal School of Arts and S. D. Smith, Esq., J. P. Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Excise Central Division Bombay, leaving Bombay.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

J. S. MODY & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

MESSRS. MEHTA & CO

Auctioneers to the Government and G. I. P. Railway.
No. 25, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay. Telephone No. 1285.

IMPORTANT TO ELECTRIC GOODS DEALERS.

AUCTION SALE OF 1 CASE ELECTRIC TORCHES, POCKET LAMPS, SIGNAL LAMPS, POLICE LAMPS, HAND LANTERNS, CIGAR LIGHTERS, ETC.

On FRIDAY, the 22nd instant at 4 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA & Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms No. 25 Medows Street, Fort by order of the Office concerned.

1 case electric torches, pocket lamps, signal lamps, police lamps, hand lanterns, cigar lighters, candle stands, ceiling clocks, watch stands, hanging clock, etc., etc.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AND SWEEPINGS AT WADI BUNDER GOODS DEPOT G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway Company and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railway Act IX of 1890, Messrs. MEHTA and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, the 30th instant at 2-30 p.m., (S.T.), at the above address the following unclaimed goods and sweepings consisting of bags of cotton seed, bags of gram, bags of wheat, bags of jawari, bags of harda, bags of turmeric, bags of linseed, bags of toor, bags of masoor, bags of rice, iron gurders, boles of coir ropes, drums of varnish, bundles of iron nails, big iron plate, loose iron pipes, bundles of planks, angle iron bars, empty gas cylinder, empty wooden casks, lot of red earth, bundle of cloth, iron valve, bundle of wooden pegs, bundle of papers, lot of loose bamboo, bundle of iron hammers, bundles of jagri, bags of sweepings grain, etc. etc.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance to be paid and goods taken delivery of within 4 days from the day of sale.

MEHTA & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

CRAWFORD & CO'S SALES.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

IMPORTANT TO BANKS AND OFFICES.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Specially made Office Furniture, large and small Milner's and Chubb's locks, Safes, Cash Boxes, Brief Size Remington Typewriters, Wall Clock, Tin Trunks, Etc., of the Indian Specie Bank, Ltd., (in Liquidation).

Under instructions from J. Sanders Slater, Esq., the Official Liquidator of the Indian Specie Bank Ltd., (in liquidation), Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1918, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the said Bank's Office at 1st floor of the Apollo Street Post Office, in Old Secretariat, Apollo Street, Fort, specially made Office furniture such as tables, chairs, cupboards, paper racks, book stands, cash boxes, scale with weights, wall clock, tin trunks, large and small Milner's and Chubb's locks, safes, brief size Remington typewriters, ladders, benches, partition, stools, etc.

The above will be on view from to-morrow.

CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

K. A. READYMONEY & CO.

AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION AGENTS.

ON WEDNESDAY THE 20TH INSTANT AT 2-30 P.M. (S.T.).

BONA-FIDE SALE.

Messrs. K. A. READYMONEY & Co., auctioneers will sell by public auction at their rooms situated at 17-19, Green Street, opposite Bank of Bombay, very valuable teak and blackwood drawing, bed-room, dining room and office room furniture, crockery glassware, etc.

The property belonging to a gentleman is on view.

K. A. READYMONEY & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & CO.

NO. 29, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES AT JACKERIA MASJID.

Under instructions from Messrs. Payne and Co., Attorneys for Messrs. Hajee Noor Mahomed Hajee Esmail Noorani, and Hajee Adam Hajee Usman Noorani and Hajee Sulleman Abdool Wahed, the Receivers appointed by the decree in suit No. 1300 of 1915, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will on the day and hour hereundermentioned sell by Public Auction, on the premises the following property :—

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.).

All that piece or Puzendari Land together with the tenement or dewelling house standing thereon, situate at Jakeria Musjid in the Island and Registration Sub-district of Bombay containing by admeasurement 245 square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey Nos. 1332 and 1333, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Ward No. 839 and Street Nos. 167-170, and bounded on the East by the house of Haji Tyeb Haji Essa, on the West by the house of Cassumally, on the North by the sweeper's passage and the house formerly of Jackeria Noor Mahomed, and on the South formerly by a public road called Cross Row and now by Musjid Bunder Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Payne and Co., Solicitors at Esplanade Road, to the Undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF A LARGE CORRUGATED IRON SHED WITH UPPER STORY AT WARI BUNDER.

Under instructions from Messrs. Dadabhoy Hormasjee & Co., landing contractor G. I. P. Railway, Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will on FRIDAY the 22nd instant at 4 p.m. (S.T.), sell by public auction at Wari Bunder near Port Trust Workshop.

A large corrugated iron shed with upper story at present used as office by the G. I. P. Railway landing contractors.

A d deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance to be paid the next day and the shed to be removed within one week.

AUCTION SALE OF EGYPTIAN LOAF SUGAR.

Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will on SATURDAY, the 23rd inst., sell by public auction, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), at their rooms at No. 22, Apollo Street, by order of Messrs. J. H. Kharmoosh & Co and on account and risk of the defaulting purchaser, Salum H. Basri.

Bekhor Ewart 300 bags of Egyptian Loaf sugar.

Ex. s.s. "Lotus" arrived on the 17th ultimo.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF FANCY TIN CEILINGS.

Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, sell by public auction, at their rooms, No. 22 Apollo Street, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), by order of the Office concerned :—

One lot of embossed tin ceilings of different designs and sizes.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

On SATURDAY, the 23rd instant at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will sell by public auction, at their rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods etc.

At 2 p.m. (S.T.).

1 handsome strong rubber tyred english built canoe-shape victoria, in very good order.

1 second-hand rubber tyred palanquin office Shigram, in good order.

1 second-hand rubber tyred vis-a-vis, in good order.

1 6/8 H. P. 2 seater cycle car, water cooled engine, hood-screen, lamps, speedometer, petrol consumption, 55 miles to the gallon, 26 inch wire wheels, shift drive some spares.

The property of a gentleman.

1 handsome strong dark chestnut horse, 15 hands, suitable for hunts. Exhibited in the last horse show.

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Auction sale of very valuable large vacant piece of land (93 feet in frontage and 500 feet in depth) with shops standing thereon facing the public road at Gowalia Tank Road opposite the Tanker Ville property.

Under instructions from the owner Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by public auction the property hereinafter described on SUNDAY, the 24th day of March, 1918, at 4-30 p.m., (B.T.) on the premises.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of Pension and Tax Tenure (partly redeemed) with the shops standing thereon abutting on the public road situate, lying and being at Gowalia Tank Road, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 4,944 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 662, New Nos. 3002 and B/3002, Old Survey No. 53 and New Survey Nos 1/7055, 2/7055, 3/7055, 4/7055 and 5/7055, and assessed in the books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward Nos. 3378 (1)—2), 3378 (3), 3378 (3a), 3378 (4), 3378 (5), and Street Nos. 33, 35, 35A, 35B, 35BB, 35C, 35D, and bounded on the East by the property of Kaikhasru Mancherji Adenwalla on the West by the property of L. P. D'Souza and Sons on the North by the property known as. "Shastri Hall" and on the South by the Gowalia Tank Road and which said premises are in the occupation of the owner and his tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co., at 123 Esplanade Road within the Fort or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF EXCELLENT BUILDING PLOTS AT WEST AGRIPADA ESTATE.

Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will on MONDAY the 25th March, 1918 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by public auction on Plot No. 73 the following 15 Building Plots for a term of 99 years.

LOT NO. 1.—Plot No. 57—A very valuable plot of Building land, having long frontages to Morland Reynolds Road, containing 1,490 square yards.

LOT NO. 2.—Plot No. 73.—An excellent building site about 1,227 square yards.

LOT NO. 3.—Plot No. 79.—Facing the Recreation ground about 1,100 square yards.

LOT NO. 4—Plot No. 81.—Facing the Recreation ground about 998 square yards.

LOT NO. 5.—Plot No. 84.—Situate at the junction of Lamington Road and Cirrus Avenue.

LOT No. 6—Plot No. 85.—Situate at the junction of Cirrus Avenue and Motlabai Street.

LOT NO. 7.—Plot No. 129.—Area 1,004 square yards.

LOT NO. 8.—Plot No. 130.—Area 973 square yards.

LOT NO. 9.—Plot No. 131.—Area 997 square yards.

LOT NO. 10.—Plot No. 132.—Area 978 square yards.

LOT NO. 11.—Plot No. 93.—Area 787 square yards.

LOT NO. 12—Plot No. 133.—Area 917 square yards.

LOT NO. 13—Plot No. 134.—Area 999 square

SALE BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & CO. (*Contd.*),

yards.

LOT NO. 14.—Plot No. 94.—Area 1,001 square yards.

LOT NO. 15.—Plot No. 143.—Area 1,059 square yards.

The buildings other than outhouses on plots No. 73, 79, 81 and 87 shall not exceed a ground and one upper floor in height: buildings other than outhouses on other plots may consist of a ground and one upper floor. In all cases the outhouses shall consist of a ground floor only.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Board's Land Manager Esplanade Road, Fort or to the Undersigned.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 2 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Alexandra House, Merewether Road, Apollo Bunder, near Taj Mahal Hotel, very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood mahogany and rose wood furniture by Dewjee Canjee and others, rich glass and crockeryware, best platedware, old Chinaware, solid silver presentation, cups, very rich beaded screens and purdahs, sliding dining table, arm and armless chairs, sideboard and dumbwaiters, drawing room sofas and easy chairs, Singapore cane chairs, carriage clock by "Bennett," rith rabinets, Persian and Brussels carpets, large durries, electric lamps, glass door book iases, one lot books, fansy brass ornaments, teakwood and iron single bedsteads, mirror door almyrahs, dressing chest of drawers, dressing and wash-hand tables, cloth and gown presses, writing tables, teapoys, rich engravings and oil paintings, English ice box, tin lined large boxes, one very handsome table ornament, (model-tree, made of solid silver wire beautifully fitted with mother o' pearls and shells with glass dome brought from West Indies China matting, aluminium, utensils, garden, etc., etc. The property of R. H. H. Hopkins, Esq., Shipping Master.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY SITUATED AT PAREL GOVERNMENT GATE ROAD, WITHOUT THE FORT OF BOMBAY.

Under instructions from Messrs. Merwanji Kola and Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagee, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, the 6th day of April, 1918, at 5 p.m. (S. T.), at the premises the following immoveable properties on account and risk of Homee N. A. Wadia, Esq., the Mortgagor.

LOT NO. I.

All that piece or parcel of vacant Inam land or ground situate at Parel in the Island of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1,545 square yards or thereabouts and bearing along with other properties, Collector's New Survey No. 1/2494 and bounded as follows :—That is to say, on or towards the East by the property belonging to the estate of Mr. Ardeshir Hormasji Wadia, on or towards the West partly by a private passage and partly by the property belonging to Homee Nusserwanji Wadia, on or towards the North by another property called Rose Cottage belonging to the estate of Ardeshir Hormasji Wadia and on or towards the South by the property belonging to Kharshedji Nusserwanji Wadia and which said land is assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 1052 (1) and Street No. 12, Parel Road, subject as to 556 square yards thereof to a building lease, dated the 8th day of May, 1913, and made between Tribhowandas Varjiwandas and Manoredas Tribhowandas of the one part and Jani Misry Khan Mistry of the other part and more particularly described in the conditions of sale.

LOT NO. II.

All that piece or parcel of vacant Inam land or ground together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Parel, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 5,678 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue along with other land under Old No. 66, New No. 24210 and New Survey No. 1/2494 and bounded as follows.—That is to say, on or towards the East by the property of the Trustees of A. H. Wadia's estate, on or towards the West by Parel Government Gate Road, on or towards the North by the property of Khurshedji Nusserwanji Wadia, on or towards the South partly by the property of the said Khurshedji Nusserwanji Wadia and partly by the property of Snapurji Dossabhoy Bilimoria, which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 1052 (3) and Street No. 12b, subject to the claim of the Alliance Bank of Simla, Ltd., under an Indenture of Mortgage, dated 30th July, 1914, and made between Homi Nusserwanji Ardeshir Wadia of the one part and the Alliance Bank of Simla, Ltd., of the other part.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application may be made to Messrs. Merwanji Kola and Co., at their Office No. 14 K, Hummum Street, Fort, when intending bidders can have inspection of the title-deeds, or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.,

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

GANDHI & CO

AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION AGENTS.
No. 52 Medows Street.

SALE TO-DAY AT 4-30 P.M. (S.T.).

AUCTION SALE OF A LANDED PROPERTY SITUATE AT 8TH KAMATIPURA STREET WITHOUT THE FORT.

O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 1037 of 1916.

Korba Erraya Sayanna .....Plaintiff.
v/s
Korba Sayanna Erraya & others...Defendants.

Pursuant to the Consent Decree dated the 21st day of August 1917, made in the above suit and under instructions from and by order of Ellobai widow of Korba Errappa Errayya the 2nd Defendant in the said suit Messrs. GANDHI & Co., Auctioneers will put up for sale by public auction the following immoveable property THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 20th Day of March 1918, at 4-30 p.m., (S.T.) on the premises.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground situate at 8th Kamatipura Lane outside the Fort of Bombay containing by admeasurement 39 square yards, or thereabouts together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 4193, New No. 10767, Old Survey No. 3749 and new Survey No. 6755 and are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "E" ward No. 1675 and Street No. 29 and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the East by the house of Nursingoo Mamaji, on or towards the west by the house of Bodhoola Errappa Sayana, on or towards the North by sweeper's passage and beyond that by Jilker Baug and on or towards the South by the 8th Kamatipura Lane.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made to the undersigned or to Messrs. Purnanand and Co., Attorneys for the 2nd defendant abovenamed at their office at 11 Hummum Street, Fort.

GANDHI & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

MESSRS. SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.
21, Medows Street.

SALE OF A LARGE BUILDING PLOT AT VERSOWA, NEAR ANDHERI, ON B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY LINE.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co. will, by order of the widow and Administratrix of the Estate of the late Mr. Moledina Lalji deceased, sell by Public Auction, on SUNDAY, the 24th day of March, 1918, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), on the premises the undermentioned property:—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground admeasuring 10016 8/9 square yards or thereabouts, situate at Versova in Salsette Taluka of Thana District, bearing Survey No. 48 and Pot No. 1, and bounded on the East by public passage, on the West by public road, on the North by the property of Cassum Jan Mohomed and on the South by the property of Cassum Jan Mahomed. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the Undersigned, where the title deeds can be inspected before the days of sale.

N. B.—The land is situate just close to the bungalow of the late Mr. Manker.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES, situate at First Marine Cross Lane, Dhobi Talao.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co., Auctioneers, will, under instructions from and by order of Messrs. Mansukhlal Hiralal Mehta and Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Shaikh Hajee Hoosein Hajee Sulleman, the Mortgagor, and pursuant to the power of sale reserved to the Mortgagee under the Indenture of Mortgage, dated 22nd December, 1916, sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of March 1918, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) on the premises the undermentioned properties:—

LOT NO. 1.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

FIRSTLY:—All that piece or parcel of perpetual Fazendari land or ground, containing by admeasurement 117 square yards or thereabouts, together with all messuages, tenement or buildings standing thereon, situate, lying and being at First Marine Cross Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 8298, and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward No. 2585, and Street No. 5, and bounded on or towards the South by the First Marine Cross Lane, on or towards the North by sweeper's passage, on or towards the West by sweeper's passage and beyond that by the house of Abdul Latiff Mahomed Sallekhan, and on or towards the East by the sweeper's passage and beyond that is the house of Hasham Ebrahim.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of vacant Fazendari land or ground, containing by admeasurement 105 square yards or thereabouts, situate, lying and being at First Marine Cross Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 8298, and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward No. 2594, and Street No. 14, and bounded on or towards the South by sweeper's passage and beyond that by the house of Hormasjee Nowrojee Belgaumwalla, on or towards the North by the house of Bapujee Dorabjee Daruwala, on or towards the East by sweeper's passage and beyond that by the property of Johangirjee Rustomjee Dubash, and on or towards the West by Public passage, now known as First Marine Cross Lane.

LOT NO. 2.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER LOT NO. 1 IS SOLD.

All that piece or parcel of perpetual Fazendari land or ground, containing by admeasurement 125 square yards or thereabouts, together with all messuages, tenement or buildings standing thereon, situate, lying and being at First Marine Cross Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 1-8298 and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward No. 2591 and Street No. 11, and bounded on or towards the South by First Marine Cross Lane, on or towards the North by sweeper's passage, and beyond that by the house of Mahomed Joosab, on or towards the East by a public passage now known as First Marine Cross Lane and beyond that by the vacant land belonging to Shaikh Hajee Hoosein Hajee Sulleman, and on or towards the West by the sweeper's passage and the house of Zilekhanbai, widow of Alli Miya.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Mansukhlal Hiralal Mehta and Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagee, at their Office, No. 79, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, or to the Undersigned Auctioneers.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March 1918.

MENESSE & CO.
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET, FORT.

AUCTION SALE of Empty Paint and Oil Drums, Packing Cases and Kerosine Oil Tins, Wood Scantings, Old Manilla Ropes, Scrap Iron, Anchors and Chains Old Boiler and Iron Pipes, Carpets, Coir Runners, etc.

Messrs. MENESSE and Co., will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1918, at 3 p.m. (S.T.), at the B. I. S. N. Co.'s Dockyard, Mazagon, the following goods:—

Empty paint and oil drums, packing cases and kerosine oil tins, wood scantlings, old Manila ropes, scrap iron, anchors and chains, old boiler tubes, water tanks, wooden boats, wire ropes, etc., etc.

AUCTION SALE of Different Kinds of Cotton Waste.

Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 22nd March 1918, at 10 a.m. (S.T.), in the morning at the Jacob Circle in the compound of the Indian Manufacturing Coy., Ltd., and by order of the Agents of the aforesaid Mills the following different kinds of cotton waste:—

A large quantity of dropping No. 1 Card fly No. 1 and 2, and stripping No. 20, etc., etc.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE of JAPANESE Fancy GOODS and SINGAPORE Cane FURNITURE.

Under instructions from P. S. Mellor, Esq., Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. MENESSE & Co., Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on Saturday 23rd March 1918, at 2 p.m. (S. T.), on the Premises next to Messrs. John Roberts & Co.'s workshop, opposite Apollo Bonded Warehouse, Custom House Road, the following enemy property belonging to certain officers and men of the Austrian Lloyd's S. S. Franz Ferdinand:

Consisting of Singapore Cane Furniture, cane chairs, easy chairs, work tables, flower pot stands, stools, China matting, cushions, carved stands, etc., Japanese fancy goods, flower vases, large jars, umbrella stands, pedestals and pots, screens, etc., etc., and other miscellaneous articles.

The above will be on view four days before the sale.

MENESSE & CO.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

B. MANEKLAL & CO,
AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION AGENTS.
No. 7, Green Street, Fort, adjacent to Bank of Bombay.
Tel. No. 3297.

TO-MORROW AT 3 O'CLOCK (S. T.).
GRAND AUCTION SALE OF PRECIOUS JEWELLERY.
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MERCHANTS AND PRIVATE GENTLEMEN.

TO-MORROW THURSDAY, the 21st instant at 3 o'clock (S. T.), B. MANEKLAL & Co., Auctioneers will sell by public auction by the order of Messrs. Surajmal Mangubhai & Co., and at the risk and account of the partners concerned.

A lot of precious jewellery set with brilliants, emeralds, rubies, etc., consisting of kudas, arrings, necklace, bracelet, nosering, some rings of assorted designs, rings of single diamonds and some other precious jewellery articles that cannot be described.

The articles will be on view at 10 o'clock on the date of sale.

Conditions 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale the balance the next day on delivery.

B. MANECKLAL & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th March, 1918.

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Song Recital by Miss Margaret Vereker at Women's Employment Bureau, Mayo Road, 6-30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Mar. 21.

Jamshedi Naoroz (Parsi Holiday), Banks closed.

FRIDAY, Mar. 22.

Meetings of University Senate, Sir Cowasji Jehangir's Hall, 5-45 and 5-50 p.m.

MONDAY, Mar. 25.

Meeting of the Exemption Tribunal, Town Hall, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, Mar. 26.

Second Conference of Indian Home Rule League, on open space near French Bridge, 8-30 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

Royal Opera House, Cinema at 6-45 and 10 p.m.
Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Comedy Co. at 9-30 p.m. and Cinema at 6-30 p.m.
Palace of Varieties: "Robinhood" Gaiety Theatre at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
Empire Cinema: 6-30, 8-15 and 10 p.m.
Majestic Cinema: Girgaum, near Tram Terminus, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.
West End Cinema: Charni Road, 5-30, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-15.
Imperial Cinema: Lamington Road, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30
New Alhambra Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7, 8-45 and 10-30 (S. T.).
Anglo-American Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.
New Alexandra Cinema: Lohar Chawl, Princess Street.
Eldorado Cinema: Lamington Road, 7, 8-45 and 10-15.

BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.

By kind permission of their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Willingdon, C.I., their Band will play a programme at the Victoria Gardens, to-day, at 6 p.m. (S. T.), under the direction of Mr. E. A. Barratt.

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

Meetings of the Senate will be held in the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall of the University on Friday, at 5-45 and 5-50 p.m.

DR. GULAMALLY'S EYE HOSPITAL.

At Dr. Gulamally's Eye Hospital, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay the total attendence of different nationalities in February last was 710; males being 528 and 182 females.

GANDHARVA MAHA VIDYALAYA.

Donations towards the First Music Conference Fund of the Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya, from various ladies and gentlemen are acknowledged amounting to Rs. 965.

HOMEWARD MAIL.

The Homeward English Mail will be closed at the General Post Office at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 26th instant. Registered letters will be accepted up to 3 p.m. and parcels up to 2 p.m. the same day. Postings at the Town Sub-Offices must be regulated so as to reach the General Post Office before the above mentioned hours.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

Examinations of the First Aid and Home Nursing Classes organised by Mr. D. F. Panthaki, Honorary Class Secretary, under the auspices of the Bombay City Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association in January last will be conducted by Dr. A. D. J. Edal Behram and Lieut. K. S. Patel, on Sunday, at 2-0 p.m. (S. T.) in the Central Hall of the Elphinstone High School. The examination will be oral, written and practical and candidates are requested to attend a quarter of an hour earlier.

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CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

QUESTION OF CHAWLS FOR MAHARS.

A meeting of the City Improvement Trust, Bombay, was held yesterday, Mr. J. P. Orr presiding, when consideration was given to a letter from the Collector of Bombay, forwarding papers relating to a request by members of the Mahar community for land for a temple, and recommending consideration of the question to build chawls for them. The Board decided to consider any applications that might be put before them with definite proposals by the Mahars for the purposes specified above.

The Board also considered a report by the Deputy Land Manager on a letter from the Hon. Mr. P. C. Sethna, on behalf of a syndicate for reclaiming a portion of the foreshore at Nepean Sea Road. The Board decided that it was best not to take up the scheme, but to suggest to Mr. Sethna's syndicate to open negotiations with Government with a view to undertaking the scheme after next November.

GWALIOR SPRING MEETING.

OPENING DAY.

(From our Correspondent.)

GWALIOR, Mar. 19.

Even at this fag end of the season and rather oppressive weather there was a large attendance of spectators on the course on the opening day of the Gwalior Spring Meeting. A large number of entries poured in and though there were a few scratchings yet the fields were very good and racing all through was of an interesting character. The State band played a selection of music during the intervals. There was a display of valuable cups in front of the stand which will be presented by H. H. the Maharaja after the races are over.

Details:—

THE GWALIOR HURDLES.—Distance 1½ miles over 6 flights of hurdles.

Mr. Thompson's TURBULENT, 10-3, Hayhoe 1
Mr. Walsh's BODENHAM, 11-10, Scott ... 2
Maharaja of Patiala's MIL, 13-13, Crowden 3

Betting:—Four to six on Bodenham, twos against Mil, fours Turbulent.

The race:—Won by two lengths, four lengths between the second and third.

Time:—2 mins. 54 secs.

THE NOVICE ARAB PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr. Heman's OTHERWISE, 7-7, Collis ... 1
Mr. Downe's ATLAS, 8-0, Lynch 2
Messrs. Hastings and Guthrie's CONFIDENCE, 9-0, Templeman 3

Also ran:—Aristocrat 9-0, Joker 8-12, Ankerdine 8-7, Bowery 7-7, Militant 6-11.

Betting:—Evens Otherwise, fours against Aristocrat, Confidence and Ankerdine, fives Bowery, tens Joker.

The race:—Won by three lengths, one length between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 8 3/5 secs.

THE MOTIMAHAL PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Messrs. Essa and Sethna's SUGARCANE, 8-3 1
Maharaja of Patiala's RED DUKE, 9-9, Trahan 2
Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's BLACK STONE, 8-3, Lynch 3

Also ran:—R. G. 9-7, Munderah's Pride 8-5, Hard Cash 8-2, Maiden Palm 7-7, Tango III 6-13, Sarfaraz 6-0 (cd. 6-11).

Betting:—Evens Maiden Palm, threes against Sarfaraz, sixes R. G. and Sugarcane, sevens Red Duke and Black Stone, eights Munderah's Pride and Tango III, tens Hard Cash.

The race:—Won by one and a quarter lengths, a neck between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 16 secs.

THE SPRING HANDICAP. Distance 1 mile.

Mr. A. N. Dass' HOOKKOO, 7-10, Purtoosingh 1
Mr. Thompson's POMADE, 7-5, Rose 2
Mr. Walsh's EAGLE'S NEST, 9-12, Lynch 3

Also ran:—Castle Vite 9-2, Wavelettes Dupe 8-13, Hunyadi 8-10, Decorum 8-1.

Betting:—One and halves against Hookkoo, twos Eagle's Nest, threes Decorum, fours Pomade, sevens Wavelettes Dupe and Hunyadi, twelves Castle Vite.

The race:—Won by two lengths, three-fourth length between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 41 2/5 secs.

THE MAKERS CUP.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr. Jessim bin Mohomed Ebrahim's EDWARD, 8-5, Lynch 1
Mr. Downe's BLUEY LEE, 8-13, Rose ... 2
Sardar Dayal Singh Chhachhi's MOUNT PLEASANT, 8-11, Trahan 3

Also ran:—Sultan 10-4, Collector 9-5, Resold 8-4, Fairy Gold 8-4, Adil 8-3, Acetine 8-2, Duhallow 7-11, Hamid Pasha 7-3 (cd. 7-6), Panama 6-10.

Betting:—Twos against Mount Pleasant, threes Edward and Hamid Pasha, fours Collector, fives Bluey Lee, Resold and Adil, sixes Sultan, Duhallow and Panama, tens Fairy Gold and Acetine.

The race:—Won by five lengths, a neck between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 22½ secs.

THE YUVARAJA CUP.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr. Homer's SHORT SKIRT, 7-13, Rose ... 1
Maharaja of Patiala's L'AVENIR, 7-9, Northmore 2
Mr. Walsh's NECESSITY, 8-2, Lynch 3

Also ran:—Athlete 9-12, Mayboy 9-6, Gladiator 9-4, Merry Mabel 9-3, Bisley 8-9, Dorian 8-4, One Day 8-3.

Betting:—Twos against Merry Mabel, threes Gladiator, Our Day and L'Avenir, fives Necessity and Short Skirt, sixes Athlete, sevens Dorian, eights Mayboy.

The race:—Won by three lengths, a neck between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 15 secs.

THE WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Messrs. Hastings and Guthrie's TIT-BITS, 7-8, Rose 1
Maharaja of Patiala's CRUSADER, 8-3 (cd. 8-5), Trahan 2
Maharaja of Rajpipla's THE KNUT, 8-1, Topheth 3

Also ran:—Maasal 9-13, Subeh Pasha 8-4, Garland 8-4, Bill Bailey 8-2, Peshwa 7-13, Aladdin 7-13, Full Moon 7-12, Gold Mine 7-10 (cd. 8-4), Chatham 6-10.

Betting:—Evens Aladdin, threes against Tit-Bits, fours Maasal, Subeh Pasha and Crusader, sevens The Knut and Peshwa, eights Full Moon, tens the rest.

The race:—Won by four lengths, half a length between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 8 secs.

LAWN TENNIS IN BOMBAY.

The following is the result of the match played yesterday:—

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.

FINAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones beat Mr. S. G. Whitney and Mrs. Dibbs, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

Mr. Fox beat Mr. P. Anstey, 9-7, 6-3.

The following matches will be played today:—

Mr. L. J. Baines v. Mr. Foreman Bull.

Mr. E. G. Montgomery v. Mr. A. E. Kiblewhite.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

H.E. LORD WILLINGDON'S XI V. COOCH BEHAR XI.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

The two-days' interesting fixture between H. E. Lord Willingdon's XI and H. H the Maharaja of Cooch Behar's XI was continued on the grounds of the Willingdon Sports Club, Bombay, yesterday, and resulted in a win for his Excellency's team by one wicket. Overnight the Cooch Behar team had made 112, to which H. E. Lord Willingdon's XI had replied with a total of 104 runs. The visitors, going in to bat a second time yesterday, totalled 125, leaving his Excellency's team with the task of making 134 runs to win the game, which they accomplished for the loss of 9 wickets. The match was again witnessed by a fairly large number of spectators. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon, who arrived early, watched the game with keen interest. His Excellency's band played selections during the afternoon.

The game had a very exciting finish. When his Excellency's team entered upon their second venture they were set the task of making 134 runs to win, and when they had knocked up 104 for the loss only of 4 wickets it looked as if they were going to win by a substantial margin. But then a rot set in, and the next four wickets fell cheaply, only 20 runs being added to the total. His Excellency's side had now only two wickets in hand and ten runs were still required for a win. Visram however hit out and added 8 for the ninth wicket, which fell with the total at 132. The last man went in and the excitement considerably increased. A single came in, equalising the scores, and then Chinoy lifted Simms but he was missed in the long field, and that stroke resulting in two runs won the match for his Excellency's team amid loud cheering.

Ganpat was again the top scorer, with 36 to his credit. He gave another exhibition of fine, faultless cricket, and was loudly cheered for his splendid display. His brother Vithal contributed the next highest individual score on his Excellency's side, making 23 in fine style The bowling honours of the day were carried off by Tarrant, Joshi, Shivram and Lee, who did excellent work for their sides.

The visitors fared only slightly better than in their first attempt, the whole side being disposed of for 125. Tarrant and Lee gave them a fine start by putting up 45 for the first wicket, but then Tarrant ran himself out and Das was sent back without any addition to the total, and the next eight wickets realised only 80 runs. Lee made the top score for his side, contributing 23 in fine, faultless style. Tarrant also played a fine innings of 20, which was however not faultless as he was missed when he had scored only two. The Maharaj Kumar contributed the third highest score on his side with 18 to his credit, which came as the result of some very fine cricket. The scores:

H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF COOCH BEHAR'S XI.

1ST INNINGS

F. Tarrant, c Visram, b Shivram	18
H. W. Lee, b Kanga	5
P. Banerjea, c Chinoy, b Kanga	2
M. C. Bird, b Joshi	10
M. Das, c Chinoy, b Joshi	15
H. L. Simms, b Joshi	2
P. Ghose, c Chinoy, b Joshi	1
Maharaj Kumar Victor, c and b Shivram.	15
S. Roy, c Joshi, b Shivram	16
S. Bose not out	17
S. Aikut, c Laverton, b Shivram	3
Extras	8
Total	112

2ND INNINGS.

F. Tarrant, run out	20
H. W. Lee, st. Chinoy, b Joshi	23
M. Das, c Chinoy, b Shivram	0
M. C. Bird, c Kanga, b Shivram	13
S. Bose, c Visram, b Shivram	0
H. L. Simms, st. Chinoy, b Joshi	16
S. Roy, c and b Kanga	9
Maharaj Kumar Victor (capt.), c Kanga, b Joshi	18
P. Ghose, b Joshi	12
S. Aikut, run out	
P. Banerjea, not out	3
Extras	6
Total	125

H. E. LORD WILLINGDON'S XI.

1ST INNINGS.

Capt. L. A. F. Weigall, st. Banerjea, b Tarrant	0
S. I. A. Mirza, c and b Simms	0
P. Vithal, b Tarrant	23
Dr. H. D. Kanga, l.-b.-w., b Tarrant	4
P. Ganpat, b Lee	48
Capt. Laverton (capt), c Simms, b Tarrant.	10
P. Shivram, c Ghose, b Lee	12
M. H. Visram, b Lee	7
P. J. Chinoy, c Simms, b Lee	6
S. M. Joshi, b Lee	0
Capt. Rigby not out	2
Extras	10
Total	104

2ND INNINGS.

Capt. L. A. F. Weigall, c Banerjea, b Lee.	11
Capt. Laverton (capt.), c Bose, b Lee.....	14
P. Vithal, l.-b.-w., b Lee	23
P. Ganpat, c Simms, b Tarrant	56
S. I. A. Mirza, c Das, b Tarrant	21
Dr. H. D. Kanga, l.-b.-w., b Tarrant	5
P. Shivram, c Bird, b Simms	0
M. H. Visram, c and b Simms	10
Capt. Rigby, l.-b.-w., b Tarrant	0
P. J. Chinoy not out	3
S. M. Joshi not out	0
Extras	13
Total (for 9 wickets)	136

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF COOCH BEHAR'S XI.

1ST INNINGS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Kanga	10	19	1	2
Joshi	25	54	6	4
Shivram	16	31	0	4

2ND INNINGS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Kanga	12	32	0	1
Joshi	21	47	6	4
Shivram	10	40	0	3

H. E. LORD WILLINGDON'S XI.

1ST INNINGS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Simms	12	45	0	1
Tarrant	13	34	2	4
Lee	5	11	1	5
Roy	3	4	0	0

2ND INNINGS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Tarrant	17	45	3	4
Simms	9	37	0	2
Lee	12	41	1	3

HOCKEY IN BOMBAY.

AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT: FIRST ROUND

LUSITANIANS (5) BEAT GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH R C.

The second game in the above tournament between the Lusitanians and the Government Telegraph Recreation Club came off on the Oval on Tuesday when before a large number of spectators the Lusitanians won by the big margin of five goals without a response. The game was not really so one-sided as the result indicates, as the Telegraphists had quite a fair share in the attack especially during the opening period of the game, when their opponents were playing one short, Faria at back being late-comer. With a bit of luck they might have scored during the first ten minutes of the play, but matters took a different turn when the Lusitanians started operations with their full team. Cyriaco D'Souza scored two goals during the first period and after ends had been changed scored the third goal for the Lusitanians. Even play followed for some time and in spite of occasional outbursts the Telegraphists failed to find the netted space as their efforts lacked finish. During the close Marcus D'Souza and Johnnie D'Souza scored two more goals and the game ended in an easy victory for the Lusitanians by five goals to nil as stated. The teams were:—

Lusitanians:—Fernandez; Faria and Dominic; Pinto, Pais and Martin; Johnnie, Nelson, Marcus, Cyriaco and Newman (D'Souzas).

Government Telegraph R. C.:—Slater; J. Castell, A. Mendoza; L. Mendoza. B. Mendoza, C. D.'Costa; M. C. D'Souza, J. Castell, O. Philbert, W. Hankins, F. Baptista.

Referees:—Messrs. Moir and Everton.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

Hornets v. Islam Gymkhana.

NATIONAL EDUCATION.

INDIA'S PRIMARY NEED.

Under the auspices of the National Education Week Committee a public meeting was held yesterday evening at the Morarji Goculdas Hall, under the presidency of Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas.

Mr. Jamnadas, at the outset, emphasised the need of national education and said that many prominent men had joined the Society.

Prof. Khare said that during the last eight days he had come in contact with students of various colleges and heads of high schools, and explained to them the aims and objects of the Society in order to get their co-operation. In Sind and other parts of India great interest was taken in national education. The object of the scheme which the Society had in view was to befit the youth of India to bear their responsibilities. Its great object was to make education much more practical.

MR. VIBHAKAR.

Mr. Vibhaker said that it was in Bengal that the question of national education was first discussed. There it was given a great impetus by the wave of patriotism which was over-running the land then. In the Punjab also an effort was made by the Arya Samaj, and there were also movements of national education at Ahmedabad and so on. But, he said, in spite of all those efforts they had not been able to achieve much success. The movement they had now in hand would be truly national in its full sense. They did not want national education to be controlled by Government agency, even though they would not be able to get charters, and consequently the degrees they would grant would not be marketable. In the education which they contemplated to impart, the students after finishing their secondary education would be taught some craft to enable them, when they went out of the schools, to earn a fair livelihood. If they wanted national education throughout the country they had to establish national universities and colleges throughout the hand. They had to convince the parents of the marketableness of the knowledge they would impart to the students. Otherwise their efforts would be fruitless. Even after 150 years of British rule in India the condition of education was most deplorable. They had got Dadabhai, Gokhale and such other great men, not through the education in vogue but in spite of that education.

IGNORANT OF THEIR OWN HISTORY.

Proceeding, the speaker regretted that in the present educational system the students were taught the geography and history of other countries when they sadly lacked the knowledge and were kept ignorant of the history and geography of their own country. He drew attention to the fact that great empires of Rome and Greece died on account of the yoke of foreigners. They therefore wanted to live for themselves and they could not live so until they had national education. The speaker concluded by saying that Home Rule would not be a reality without national education

ALIENS IN LOCAL BODIES.

A DISQUALIFYING BILL.

"The Bombay Government Gazette" published yesterday the text of a Bill (No. IV of 1918) to disqualify aliens from being members and from voting at elections of members of local authorities including local boards, municipalities, the several port trusts and the City Improvement Trust, in the Bombay Presidency. In the Act, which will be known as the Bombay Disqualification of Aliens Act, "alien" means a person who is neither a British subject nor a subject of a State in India. Power is, however, reserved to the Governor-in-Council to exempt from the restrictions contained in the Act any alien or class of aliens whom it may appear desirable to exempt.

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BILL TO CONTROL FRESH ISSUES OF CAPITAL.

MEETING OF COMPANY DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Mar. 19.

A meeting of Indian company directors and shareholders was held at the India Club at 6, Hastings Street, to-day under the presidency of Mr. A. C. Sen of the National Agency Co. to protest against some of the objectionable clauses of the new Act introduced by Sir William Meyer in the Imperial Legislative Council, controlling fresh issues of capital. It was unanimously resolved to send the following telegram to H. E. the Viceroy:

"Indian merchants, directors and shareholders assembled at meeting to-day pray your Excellency in Council postponement of consideration of Bill No. 7 controlling capital. If being a war measure postponement not possible further pray deletion of words "call up unpaid capital" from section 3, sub-section 1, as their retention will tend to paralyse companies and industries."

TATA'S MARGARINE FACTORY IN COCHIN.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ERNACULAM, Mar. 17.

Messrs. Tata and Sons, it is stated, have almost agreed to the proposal of the Cochin Darbar to locate their factory in connection with the cocoanut industry at Ernaculam and a site comprising an area of sixty acres has been valued under order of the Dewan.

SOAP INDUSTRY IN MALABAR.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALICUT, Mar. 17.

In connection with the Government proposal for a soap factory, it is understood, about five acres of land are to be acquired in the town for location of an up-to-date factory. Attached to the factory there is to be a technological institute for training students, preferably graduates, in all branches of the soap industry.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Mar. 19.

The depression in north-west India has given local rain in north Baluchistan, North-West Frontier Province, North Punjab, Kashmir and Lower Sind. A few thunderstorms also occurred in Assam and Burma. The chief amounts are:—Cherat one inch, Peshwar, Drosh three-quarters, Champ, Murree a half, Karachi a quarter.

Forecast:—Decrease of rain in Baluchistan and North-West Frontier Province. Extension eastwards in the Punjab and adjoining hills districts of United Provinces.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at hours on Tuesday, the 19th March 1918, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Light rain has fallen in the north Punjab. Skies are heavily clouded and humidity is generally above normal. Day temperature is in moderate to considerable defect in the west Punjab; night temperature is locally above the average.

The United Provinces.—Skies are lightly or moderately clouded. Humidity is in slight defect in the east.

Sind and Rajputana.—Karachi reports of 0.28in. of rain. Skies are lightly or moderately clouded. Humidity is in moderate to considerable excess in Sind and west Rajputana. Day temperature is below normal in Sind; night temperature continues in considerable defect at Mount Abu and is in slight excess in upper Sind.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is above normal at most stations. Night temperature is slightly above the average in the south of Gujarat and of Kathiawar.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear. Humidity and temperature are normal.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity is in defect in the north Konkan.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear. Humidity is below normal in the south Bombay Deccan. Night temperature is above the average at some stations.

General Remarks.—The disturbance in the north has caused light rainfall in lower Sind, north-east Baluchistan and the north Punjab, and cloud has extended eastwards under its influence. It is but feebly marked and light rain may again fall in the Punjab.

SALE OF TREASURY BILLS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Mar. 19.

The following is the result of sales of Treasury Bills during the week ending 16th instant:—

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THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE
Wednesday, March 20, 1918.

THE COTTON CRISIS.

The situation in the Cotton Market has undergone some important developments during the last few days as a result of the decision of the Cotton Brokers' Association to suspend business until to-morrow. Feeling has been crystallising throughout the whole trade in favour of the fixing of a maximum price, even the extremists on the Bull side realising that any further forcing up of prices can only lead to a general disaster in which the whole trade would be involved. This can easily be realised when it is remembered, as we stated the other day, that the price which started at Rs. 350 has gone up to over Rs. 700 and was likely, if nothing had occurred to check the upward rush, to go to Rs. 800 or more. Business, we believe, of a spasmodic character has been carried on during the last few days by one or two of the more restless among the Bulls, who were not to be checked by any closing of markets, and they have succeeded, by dealing among themselves, in carrying the price to over Rs. 730. But, as we have said, these represent but a very small minority and the general feeling is that some drastic action to end the crisis is essential.

Meetings have been held during the last day or two of all the bodies connected with the trade. The Marwari Chamber of Commerce, the Shroffs' Association, the Cotton Merchants' and Muccadams' Association and the Bombay Cotton Exchange have all passed resolutions in favour of an agreement for a fixed maximum price. The Bombay Cotton Trade Association have also met and, as we understand, found themselves equally divided on the question. A suggestion has also come from certain quarters that a minimum price should be fixed as well. But this is not likely to be received with favour by one side or the other. It would be unworkable, we think, and at any rate is not necessary. To-day a general meeting of the Trade is to be held at Colaba under the chairmanship, we understand, of Mr. T. D. Moore, when it is to be hoped an agreement will be arrived at. The general feeling is undoubtedly in favour of such an agreement, but should any difficulty arise the result will be most unfortunate, if the market is subsequently reopened in the absence of a fixed maximum. The price will be immediately rushed to Rs. 750 at least and would possibly close even higher. The danger of allowing anything of the kind to eventuate is, however, sufficiently realised by the bulk of those connected with the trade and we have no doubt that the meeting to-day will come to the decision that the wisest course is to take the only action which can avert disaster. If this is not done, it will be incumbent on Government to intervene, for whatever views may have been held previously in official circles, the events of the last few days must have brought about the conviction that the warnings expressed in these columns were fully justified.

It is now twenty days since we first urged upon Government the course which was obviously indicated in the interest, not merely of a few Bear speculators who have burnt themselves badly,—they will suffer sufficiently in any case,—but of the trade as a whole and, what is of wider importance, the general public, as represented by the consumer. Having recognised the grave character of the situation in regard to the ever-increasing cost of cloth and its effect on the economic condition of the country, it seems the utmost folly to refuse to deal immediately with a situation which, in its development from day to day, has been doing more than anything else to aggravate the position in the future. The effects of what happens now will be felt in the coming months. While speculators are allowed to force prices of the raw material up to an unparallelled and altogether extravagant figure, it is of little avail to devise proposals to be laid before the manufacturers for the regulation of the prices of material within such a limit as will ameliorate the economic sufferings of the people, looking to the former to oblige the community at the expense of their prosperity in the immediate past. The situation must be faced and dealt with all round and the first thing the Government of India should have realised was that there was an emergency which could not await the necessarily leisurely proceedings of a committee of inquiry. We cannot doubt that this fact is now realised; and that, if the Trade itself fails to apply the remedy to a situation which it has shown by the action of so many of its representative bodies and the drastic step of a suspension of business, is one of the utmost gravity, the Government will step in and do so without further delay.

THE COLONIES AND INDIAN LABOUR.

The current number of the "Modern Review" contains a letter concerning Fiji and Australia from Mr. C. F. Andrews, who has just returned to India from those places. Mr. Andrews went to Fiji because he felt that the condition of India indentured labourers called for his service. And the impressions that he has gathered during his several months' stay in the island and Australia throw fresh light on the vexed problem of Indian emigrant labour. That a person of his large sympathies and persuasive earnestness would be able to do a great deal in securing considerable amelioration of the lot of the Indian labourers was, of course, to be expected. The material advance as a result of his visit, is that after much debating and refusal, the companies and planters have now agreed to raise the daily wage for the work done by Indians, and Mr. Andrews has taken steps to see that this is also done in other Crown Colonies. In Fiji alone, this rise in wages will amount each year to about six lakhs and the necessity of it may be gathered from the fact that when Mr. Andrews reached Fiji, there was the very greatest physical distress owing to the high prices during the war, in one case a man having actually tried to commit suicide because he could not bear to hear his children crying for food and be unable to satisfy them. Even more important is the advance in the attitude of the planters towards the Indian labourers. They have agreed to pull down the present "coolie quarters" and build separate houses for the married people, because they have realised now "that everything possible must be done to recover the moral standard of domestic life, which has been lost in the past owing to the indenture system." And Mr. Andrews believes that the planters are quite in earnest about this. Another improvement is that "the wives of Indians (whose husbands had already finished their indenture, while they themselves had still some time to run) are now in future, in every case, to be set free along with their husbands, ...and children, who have reached the age of 15, are not to be compelled, at that age, as heretofore to work under indenture." As regards education, too, satisfactory progress has been made. Hitherto the attitude of the Fiji Government in this matter was, as Mr. Andrews says, fundamentally wrong. "Instead of spreading rapidly good andefficient village schools in the country at centres where Indians are settled on the land, and giving them their own vernacular, the Government of Fiji was proposing education through the medium of English only, and education of such a type that for many years to come it could hardly have spread beyond the towns." A member of the local Legislative Council, Mr. R. A. Harricks, has now carried through the legislature a new amending Bill altering the earlier Education Act itself and giving a full and rightful place to the mother tongue of the pupils. Realising that in this matter it would be of the utmost importance to get some schools started which should be managed by Indians themselves and serve as types of what might be the education of the future, with the help of the very small number of educated Indians in the islands, Mr. Andrews has started two such schools and these are now in full working order. Mr. Andrews rightly recognises however that this work should be conducted on a larger and more organised scale.

In Australia, Mr. Andrews made different journeys to each state in turn, seeking to interest the people in Fiji. And it is instructive to note that he had a warm response from the women of Australia, —a response which Mr. Andrews naturally found the most cheering as well as the most remarkable of all. While engaged in this work, Mr. Andrews kept before him another great issue —how to help to break down the "White Australia" tradition on its altogether objectionable and insulting side. He found the opportunity an exceptional one, because "the question of flooding Australia with cheap labour from India has now been entirely removed and, at the same time, there is a sense of humbling and chastening on account of the war." Now that indenture has been abolished, it was not difficult for Mr. Andrews to point out that India had no wish that cheap Indian labour should be recruited for exploitation abroad. In this matter, Mr. Andrews says, the Labour leaders have met him and fully trusted his word and his assurance has cleared the ground immeasurably. And he is optimistic enough to believe that all thinking men in Australia now see the need of a drastic revision of the "White Australia" tradition. Mr. Andrews, however, is nothing if not practical and he has put forward a suggestion which merits serious consideration at the hands of the people of this country. The suggestion is whether Australia might not be the best place for Indian students to go to, especially during the war, in order to complete their University education. The climate and physical conditions of Australia are almost perfect for Indian students—far superior to those of England; there is very little "race" feeling in Australia; and University education, according to Mr. Andrews, is remarkably good and also remarkably cheap. More important than everything else, "ten years of intercourse with our Indian students would break down, for ever, some of the present utterly ignorant and foolish ideas which Australians of the labouring classes have of India." Of course, there are the political disabilities which would have to be removed, before anything at all could be accomplished. But the absolute assurance that India herself did not wish her own labouring classes to be exploited and that India herself has put an end to all indentured emigration whatsoever, which has had a remarkable effect, makes the reopening of the question of the admission of educated Indians possible. In fact, Mr. Andrews hopes that "now, during the war, this new position will be won; that the great moral victory, which has been gained by the abolition of indenture, will lead directly forward to the breaking down of the old, inhuman exclusion laws in Australia against Indians."

But though the abolition of indenture has thus begun to bear fruit, its evils have not yet disappeared. Three important questions, as Mr. Andrews says, are still undecided. First is the scandalously improper provision for medical relief for Indian women, the hospitals for whom are at present in the hands of unqualified men, there being no matrons and no nurses. Then, again, as Mr. Andrews urges, the whole of the indentures which are still running out should be cancelled at the earliest possible date; for, apart from the special hard conditions of living and work due to war, the Fiji Government is unable to keep its side of the indenture agreement in one important particular. It guaranteed to repatriate the labourers at the end of 10 years but now, for nearly a year and half in the past and for some years to come such repatriation is impossible, because there are no ships. Last but not least, it is essential that as soon as ever a ship can be obtained, any unmarried Indians, who desire to return and take a wife back with them from India, should be given a free passage to India in order to do so. Only in this way, as Mr. Andrews says, can the terrible evils—and the murder and suicide rate among indentured Indians is not dimishing but increasing—due to the disproportion of the sexes, be remedied.

Notes of the Day.

Ahmedabad Strike Settled.

We learn from an authoritative source that the Ahmedabad mill strike has come to an end. The settlement is a curious one—probably unique in the history of this or any other country. The workers had sworn not to go back for less than a 30 per cent. increase; the owners had declared they would never agree to this rate. To save both sides from an actual breaking of the vow,—or to give an appearance of it,—it has been agreed that on the first day of resuming work the men are to be paid at the rate of a 35 per cent. increase on the previous rate; on the second day their pay will be on an increase of 20 per cent; and thenceforth they will be paid at a rate of 27½ per cent. increase on the old rate. Thus the vows of both sides are unbroken,—at least that is what they think!

Russia's Hope.

The majority of the Russian press, so Reuter informs us to-day, continues to emphasise that the peace imposed by the German imperialists offers the necessary respite to enable the Soviets to organise the country for a fresh bitter struggle with the invader. The treaty, it is urged, must inevitably be rescinded, once the real national authority is constituted. All well-wishers of Russia must echo the wish that some such national authority is established in that distracted country. That the Bolsheviks certainly do not represent the mass of Russian opinion is becoming increasingly apparent and the irony of the situation is that, while they have stifled the expression of this opinion by a reign of terror, so far as any resistance to the German invaders is concerned they have done nothing but indulge in pious aspirations. On the other hand, the immediate establishment of a real national authority is the only remaining hope of Russia.

Indian Cavalry at Cambrai.

The decision of the authorities in England to publish Sir Douglas Haig's account of the part played by the Indian Cavalry at Cambrai—to which a tribute was paid by Lord Derby in the House of Lords week—is most welcome. The publication is belated but it brings into relief the fact that, though the main portion of the Indian Expeditionary Force has been withdrawn from the Western to other fronts, the Indian Cavalry Gorps there is fully maintaining the traditions of the Indian Army. The British public is naturally most interested in the events on the Western Front and is therefore apt to overlook the part played by the forces in the more distant but not less important fields of war and this account of "the gallant and valuable service" rendered by the Indian Cavalry Corps in the defence of Noyelles on 21st November and in the capture of Gauche Wood on December 1st should serve the British public as a reminder of all that the Empire owes to the soldiers of India.

Education and Industry.

Mr. Fisher's Education Bill provides that every boy and girl from fourteen to eighteen, who is employed in some work, should attend day continuation schools for 32 hours a week. This is in accordance with Mr. Fisher's determination to see to it that no boy or girl, however unfortunately circumstanced, is deprived of the opportunity to extend the stock of knowledge that he or she has acquired during fourteen years of life and thereby to be enabled to better his or her position in life, both materially and intellectually. It is not surprising that, in spite of the fact that the period of training for such boys and girls is so arranged as not to interfere with the reasonable requirements of industry, those industrialists who have found it extremely profitable hitherto to exploit juvenile labour, are disposed to place obstacles in the way of this provision being accepted.

The Cotton Industry and Education.

Thus we have Sir Henry Hibbert contending in the Commons, during the debate on the second reading of the Education Bill on Thursday, that the proposal referred to could not fit in with the working conditions in the Lancashire cotton industry,—that is with the exploiting tendencies of the Lancashire millowners. Mr. Fisher replied that the cotton industry unreasonably depended on the cheap labour of children and he emphasised how the half-time tradition in Lancashire and Yorkshire stood in the way of the effective organisation of advanced elementary education throughout the country. He expressed the belief, however, that opinion in the districts affected, was for the abandonment of half-time. That is a welcome sign indicating how capitalistic opinion is gradually beginning to realise that the subordination of the interests of industry to those of the State ultimately reacts to the benefit of the former.

Educational Expansion.

We had occasion recently to congratulate the Schools Committee on the scheme of expansion of education in the city, which it has prepared with a view to the introduction of free and compulsory education within ten years. But it would appear from the facts of a case, which have been brought to our notice, that those entrusted with the task of executing this programme require to be more energetic than they are if the end which the Schools Committee has kept in view is to be realised. It is surprising to learn that hitherto the Schools Committee has not thought fit to open an Urdu school at Jacob's Circle, where a large number of Urdu-speaking Mahomedans reside. In August last the latter brought this state of things to the notice of the Schools Committee, which, however, does not seem to have paid any heed to the representation.

An Inexplicable Delay.

After vainly waiting for a reply for a long time, a reminder was sent by registered post about five months ago, which also, so far as we are informed, has not elicited even a formal acknowledgment. It is understood, however, that about two months ago the Schools Committee sanctioned the opening of the Urdu school as desired by the Mahomedan residents of the locality. If this is so, it is difficult to understand why the Secretary of the Schools Committee should have allowed the delay in the opening of the school to occur. Such delay is the more regrettable in the case of a school for children belonging to the Mahomedan community whose educational needs are specially urgent.

An Attractive Investment.

We publish on another page of this issue the prospectus of the Broach Fine Counts Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. This is one of the most attractive investments of its kind that has been offered to the public. The mills at Broach which the Company will take over are the only up-to-date mills for spinning and weaving five counts of yarn and cloth. They were erected eight years ago and recently went into liquidation. It has been found possible, however, to pay the creditors in full and the shareholders above per value of their shares. The spindles are capable of producing yarn up to 100 counts and the looms are capable of producing cloth of fine and light quality, which would be fit to compete with foreign-manufactured cloth. If about 3,000 spindles of lower counts are introduced, the prospectus says, and 50 more looms are added, the spindles would be capable of working yarn and cloth of lower counts from the waste which would otherwise be unavailable for production at the Company's mills. It is claimed that there are very few mills in India furnished with machinery capable of producing the higher counts and lighter quality of cloth as the spindles and the looms in these mills are, a fact which suggests a prosperous future for the Company. The present issue to the public is 2,000 shares of Rs. 250 each.

Official and Personal.

His Excellency Lord Willingdon, who is a Patron of the Social Service League, Bombay, has contributed a donation of Rs. 200 to its funds.

Sir Sankaran Nair, will leave Delhi on the 27th March on a short tour, visiting Calcutta, Madras, Ottapalam and Bombay. He will arrive at Simla on 13th April.

His Honour Sir Harcourt Butler accompanied by Mr. T. Lister, Private Secretary and Captain T. C. Swining, Grenadier Guards, A.D.C., and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Chatterjee arrived at Cawnpore at 8-15 p.m. on Monday night.

GERMAN OFFICERS ON HOSPITAL SHIPS.

SUGGESTION DECLINED BY MR. BONAR LAW.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-10 p.m., Mar. 19.

Mr. Hunt suggested in the House of Commons that German officers of superior rank should be placed on all British hospital ships and also on unarmoured merchantmen.

Mr. Bonar Law replied that the subject had been carefully considered by naval and military authorities. The action proposed would not be taken. He could not publicly state reasons for the decision.

WATERFORD ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

UNPRECEDENTED SCENES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 4-50 p.m., Mar. 19.

An unprecedented event in Irish politics occurred on Sunday at Waterford which is at present in the throes of a very bitter election campaign. Captain Redmond, the Nationalist candidate, and Mr. White, a Sinn Feiner, followed by their respective retainers, went in a two-miles procession to attend the St. Patrick's Day celebration. The demonstration was followed by meetings in which Captain Redmond defended the attitude of the Nationalists towards recruiting in Ireland.

CONTROL OF FUEL.

ORDERS FOR CLOSING PLACES OF AMUSEMENT IMMINENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 19.

An order is expected at any moment closing theatres, musichalls and cinemas at half past nine in the evening to economise fuel. Clubs and restaurants are also likely to be affected. Theatre-owners are sending a deputation to the Coal Controller.

VIOLENT FIGHTING ON YSER FRONT.

GERMAN ATTACK WITH SHOCK TROOPS.

SUCCESSFUL BELGIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 19.

A Belgian communiqué says, following the recent activity the enemy attacked in the region of Nieuport, Dixmude and Merckem with considerable force with shock troops. The enemy gained a footing in some advanced elements near Nieuport, from which he was partially driven out.

After violent bombardment the enemy penetrated advanced posts in the direction of Dixmude and by the use of flammenwerfer into a part of a trench on the west bank of the Yser. Counter-attacks completely restored the positions.

An enemy attack in the direction of Merckem was repulsed by our barrage. The artillery struggle was very lively on the whole front.

TWENTY-SIX HOSTILE MACHINES SHOT DOWN.

BRITISH DROP 10½ TONS OF BOMBS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

A British communiqué says, the enemy raided two posts eastward of Poelcapelle. Four men are missing.

Hostile artillery was active at Cambrai and Bapaume road and in the forward and back areas of Armentieres and Ypres.

There was increased air activity. We dropped ten and a half tons of bombs on railway sidings at Somain, on billets on all parts of the front and on three aerodromes. We brought down three machines in a fierce encounter over an aerodrome.

During the day we brought down eighteen machines and drove down eight. Four of ours are missing. Night fliers dropped five tons on two aerodromes, on a dump north-east of St. Quentin and on billets at Douai and Menin. All returned.

AIRMEN'S CONTINUED BRILLIANT WORK.

ENEMY'S RELUCTANCE TO UNDERTAKE RAIDS.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters telegraphs:—Our airmen continue their brilliant work, meaning aerial dominance in relation to artillery effectiveness. I will demonstrate by the following figures. In the 22 counter-battery shoots in which 4,400 rounds were fired, the Germans damaged four of our guns and two gunpits, caused eight casualties and destroyed a small amount of the field ammunition. In the corresponding period we carried out 95 counter-battery shoots and hit 55 gunpits of which 10 were apparently destroyed, and caused 64 explosions and 16 fires. The damage done to the guns and the casualties caused can only be conjectured from these figures. Reluctance of the German soldiers to undertake raids is shown by the statements of the prisoners taken in the unsuccessful raid south of Ypres-Commines canal on the night of the 13th, that liberal inducements were offered to the raiders in the shape of promotion and leave or money, the average reward for the capture of a machinegun being 750 marks. The prisoners attribute the failure of the raid to our sturdy resistance and the lack of surprise owing to most of their noncoms being drunk, having been heavily doped with brandy. Whereas our men volunteer eagerly for raids as fine adventures, the Germans apparently must be bribed and dragooned.

A SUCCESSFUL RAID SOUTH OF ACHEVILLE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 19.

Field Marshal Haig's communiqué this afternoon reports a successful raid south of Acheville.

Hostile artillery has been active south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road and in the neighbourhood of Lens. It has been very active between Warneton and Zonnebeke.

TREMENDOUS ENEMY LOSS OF AEROPLANES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 2-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

The Admiralty says:—During the offensive patrols from Dunkirk our aeroplanes destroyed five machines and shot down five between Thursday and Sunday. All our machines returned.

CONTROL OF AUSTRALIAN COASTAL VESSELS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MELBOURNE, Mar. 18.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

The Commonwealth will shortly assume the complete control of the coastal vessels.

FRENCH COUP DE MAIN.

BRILLIANT RAIDS ON MEUSE FRONT.

ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS SMASHED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

Reuter's correspondent with the French Headquarters says:—

The centre of activity has now shifted to the Meuse. The big French raids mentioned in the yesterday's communiqués were directed against the sectors where the enemy has completed all the preparations for the attack. The result of the raids is that the communications are so thoroughly smashed that, it will be many weeks before the enemy can attack from these places. The French advanced 100 yards at a time in accordance with the gunners' timetable. One of the main objects was the destruction of the minewerfer batteries and this was effected partly by the artillery and partly by blowing them up with the grenades. Some fifty of these powerful weapons were thus demolished before the French returned.

FIGHTING NORTH OF JUVINCOURT.

FAILURE OF ENEMY COUP DE MAIN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 19.

A French communiqué says, the enemy *coup de main* north of Juvincourt and another south-east of Corbeny were repulsed with appreciable enemy losses after lively fighting.

There was lively reciprocal cannonading, especially in Samogneux and Bezonvaux districts and between Bures and Badonviller, in the Lorraine.

DUEL CONTINUES ON MEUSE.

ENEMY DRIVEN OFF IN HAUDAMONT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 2-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

This afternoon's French communiqué says:—The artillery duel continues on the right of the Meuse. Our fire drove off enemy reconnotring parties attempting to reach our lines in the region of Haudamont and north-west of Bezonvaux. There has been fairly great artillery activity north of Levoilu on both banks of the Fave and in the Vosges.

ENEMY MOBILISATION ON WEST FRONT.

U. S. WAR SECRETARY'S REVIEW.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 19.

The War Secretary's weekly review says:—While hostile preparations for the offensive in the west are not slackening, it is becoming more evident that the enemy will take the offensive only if compelled by the exigencies of the general strategic situation. While fresh German divisions are reported to be arriving in the west it is important to note that the density of the enemy forces has nearly reached a point beyond which it would be impracticable to go owing to the change of congestion of the lines of communication preventing essential flexibility for manoeuvre.

An American detachment is entrenched near the Swiss border where enemy bombardments are frequent. The arrival of fresh enemy units and material from Germany east and west of Lake Garda indicates hostile operations havin Verona and Brescia as objectives.

CANADA'S UNFALTERING SPIRIT.

GOVERNOR'S CONFIDENCE IN COUNTRY'S EFFORT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

OTTAWA, Mar. 19.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 19.

The Duke of Devonshire, opening the Parliament, said he was confident that the legislators were animated with the unfaltering spirit which had inspired them during the long and anxious years of effort and sacrifice and would sustain the high cause in which the country had already borne a splendid part.

The effort confronting them demanded the sternest resolve, but hearts were as firm and courage as undaunted as among the countrymen holding the battle line beyond the seas, who still sustained an unshaken record for distinguished achievement. Reinforcements necessary to keep the Canadian forces up to full strength had been provided and would be maintained in future.

The industrial and financial stability of Canada, in spite of the critical conditions, had been well maintained. Foreign trade exceeded all records and the favourable balance of trade had vastly increased.

The effort of Allied nations would continue till the triumph of Allied cause. He paid a tribute to the United Statest whose energies, power and vast resources were now beginning to be felt strongly.

ALLIES AND DUTCH SHIPPING.

FOREIGN MINISTER ON CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

SHIPS NOT TO BE USED AS TRANSPORT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

THE HAGU, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

In the Second Chamber, the Foreign Minister stated that Germany having declared that it was impossible to furnish Holland with 100,000 tons of grain within two months, Government would agree to the Allies taking over Dutch shipping if Holland could rely on getting 100,000 tons of cereals and certain other commodities from America in accordance with the recent agreement drawn up in London, also if bunker coal for transport of goods to Holland were furnished to certain Dutch ships, also if the Allies guaranteed that the ships should not transport troops or war material and should not be armed and that the crews should be perfectly free to attend to navigation, also if destroyed ships were replaced immediately after the war. Government could not go further.

A GERMAN THREAT.

"SUBMARINES WILL BLOCKADE DUTCH COAST."

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" threatens that if the Allies take over Dutch ships, German submarines will blockade the Dutch coast.

GERMANY'S DESPERATE EFFORTS TO PREVENT AGREEMENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

The Germans are making desperate efforts to prevent Holland from accepting the Entente's terms. Threats and cajolery are being used indiscriminately. The Dutch reply is expected to-day. It is stated that the British ships in the Dutch ports are ready to leave at a moment's notice.

The "Daily Mail's" Hague correspondent understands that Holland has accepted the Allies conditions.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF SHIPPING.

SIR T. SUTHERLAND ON ITS COMPLETE FAILURE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

Sir Thomas Sutherland, in a letter to "The Times," says it seems absolutely clear that Government control of shipping is a complete failure and urges the freeing of shipowners and mercantile builders from Admiralty interference.

COMING DEBATE ON NAVY ESTIMATES.

MR. PIRRIE TO CONTROL SHIPBUILDING

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 19.

Political interest centres in the debate on the Navy Estimates on Wednesday when Sir Eric Geddes announces measures of reorganisation within the Admiralty and meets criticism. The chief change is expected to be the appointment of Mr. W. J. Pirrie to control shipbuilding.

Adetailed statement of the actual amount of the tonnage sunk together with the shortcomings in replacement is likewise awaited.

"The Times'" shipping correspondent warns the nation not to entertain the illusion that the periodical publication of such returns will be at all comfortable to its peace of mind but there are plentiful signs that the country is determined to meet the most urgent shipbuilding requirements.

DURHAM MINERS' ATTITUDE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

The Durham miners have voted in favour of the comb-out by 33,578 to 27,178.

AIR RAIDS ON PARIS.

REPRISALS FOR RAIDS ON GERMAN TOWNS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

The supreme commander of the German air forces interviewed by the "Cologne Gazette" said the raids on Paris would cease when attacks on German open towns ceased. He admitted that the raids on Germany had inflicted heavy losses. They were now waiting to see whether France would take the severe penalties inflicted to heart

GERMAN CRIMES AGAINST RUSSIA.

"PEACE" DENOUNCED BY ENTENTE MINISTERS.

RESOLVE TO FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 19.

The Press Bureau states that the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the Entente, who assembled in London, are bound to take note of the political crimes, under the name of German peace, which have been committed against the Russian people. Russia was unarmed, and forgetting that for four years Germany had been fighting against the independence of nations and rights of mankind, the Russian Government in a mood of singular credulity expected to obtain by persuasion a democratic peace which it had failed to obtain by war.

The armistice had not expired when the Germans, contrary to the pledge, transferred troops *en masse* to the West, and Russia was so weak that she did not protest against this flagrant violation of her plighted word. When the German peace is translated into action, it is found to involve the invasion of Russian territory, destruction or capture of all Russia's means of defence and organisation of Russian lands to Germany's profit, a proceeding not differing from annexation, although the word was carefully avoided.

Meanwhile, the Russians who made military operations impossible found diplomacy impotent and their representatives were compelled to proclaim that while they refused to read the treaty they had no choice but to sign it. They signed it not knowing whether it meant peace or war, nor measuring the degree to which Russian national life was reduced by it to a shadow.

CRUSHING OF POLAND AND ROUMANIA.

Poland is threatened with a fourth partition. The devices by which the last trace of her independence is to be crushed are based on fraudulent promises of freedom.

Roumania also is overwhelmed by the merciless passion for domination. We do not and cannot acknowledge such peace treaties and we mean to continue to fight in order to finish once for all this policy of plunder and to establish the peaceful reign of organised justice.

SUPREME WAR COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS HELD IN LONDON.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

The Press Bureau states that there were important meetings of the Supreme War Council and important political conferences at Downing Street from Thursday to Saturday last. The Premiers of France and Italy attended.

PAINFUL, FORCED, DISHONOURING.

VIEW OF SOVIETS ON GERMAN PEACE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MOSCOW, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

A resolution of the Congress of Soviets, ratifying the peace treaty describes the peace as painful, forced and dishonouring. It urges all workers to employ all strength to establish the defence of Russia upon the basis of a socialist militia. All persons of both sexes, young and old, should be militarily trained. Lenin in a speech said peace should be accepted as a respite pending the moment when the European Proletariat would come to their assistance.

EPIDEMIC OF PANIC.

LENIN ON STATE OF RUSSIAN ARMY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

In a speech at the Moscow Congress, Lenin stated that breathing space would be very short but it would give the needed rest to the army which was afflicted with an epidemic of panic.

HAPPENINGS IN SIBERIA.

REPORT OF MASSACRE OF JAPANESE NOT CONFIRMED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 19.

Semenoff's defeat at Blagoveschensk on the 12th instant is believed to be due to 2,000 armed German prisoners reinforcing the maximalists.

The report that 150 Japanese had been murdered is not confirmed. At present it is known that one has been killed and three wounded. It is believed that others have been robbed and murdered. Japanese are killed wherever they are found. Strict exclusion of the Japanese is proceeding.

NO WHEAT FOR GERMANS AT ODESSA

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

CHICAGO, Mar. 18.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

An American grain expert opines that the Germans will find no wheat at Odessa, all being consumed by refugees and the disbanded soldiers.

MACEDONIAN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL GREEK OPERATIONS:

SERBS REPUDIATE RUMOUR OF SEPARATE PEACE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 19.

Reuter's correspondent with the British forces in Macedonia says that the past week has been more active in all sectors especially on the British Struma and Doiran fronts. The Greeks have been successful in artillery bombardments, aviation and infantry raids on the enemy trenches capturing quantities of military equipment.

The Serbs indignantly repudiate the statement of the German newspapers alleging that a separate peace is to be concluded with Serbia.

PRINCE LICHNOWSKY'S MEMORANDUM.

DISCUSSED AT SECRET SITTING OF REICHSTAG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 18
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

"Vorwaerts" states that a secret sitting of the Reichstag, lasting the whole day, discussed Prince Lichnowsky's memorandum recently cabled.

DUCAL CROWN OF COURLAND FOR KAISER.

"PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE" PROMISED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

Replying to a resolution of the Courland National Council offering him the Ducal crown, the Kaiser says: Germany recognises Courland as a free independent duchy and assures it of her protection and assistance in the construction of a constitution which must provide for a free parliament.

SOVIETS TO ORGANISE COUNTRY.

FOR BITTER STRUGGLE WITH GERMANS

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

The majority of the Russian press continues to emphasise that the peace imposed by the German imperialists, offers necessary respite to enable the Soviets to organise the country for a fresh bitter struggle with the invader. The treaty must inevitably be rescinded, once the real national authority is constituted.

GERMANS TO ORGANISE UKRANIAN ARMY.

ENEMY FINANCIERS GOING TO PETROGRAD.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Mar. 17.
Recd. 5-10 p.m., Mar. 19.

Austrian official sources state that German officers have been invited to organise the Ukranian army. Herr Ballin and the German financier Langhof are expected at Petrograd. It is stated that Government proposes to establish on oil monopoly.

GERMAN PREPARATIONS AT IRKUTSK.

FORMING TWO ARMY CORPS AND TWO CAVALRY CORPS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

TOKIO, Mar. 17.
Recd. 4-50 p.m. Mar. 19.

Telegrams from reliable quarters describe German preparations at Irkutsk and elsewhere in Siberia for the formation of two army corps and two cavalry corps composed of German and Austrian war prisoners. 130 German officers have arrived at Irkutsk and others disguised are pouring in. Field guns and armoured cars are being transported from European Russia.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE AGAINST KHERSON.

SOVIETS AT ODESSA AND NICOLAIEF SUPPRESSED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

It appears that the Russian fleet at Odessa withdrew to Sevastapool prior to the German occupation of Odessa and Nicolaief where the Soviets were immediately suppressed. Germans have seized the naval dockyards at Nicolaief. The German offensive is proceeding towards Kherson.

OTHER CABLE ITEMS.

THE MARCONI CASE.

DISPUTED QUESTIONS REFERRED TO ARBITRATION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 4-50 p.m., Mar. 19.

In the Marconi case, the Attorney-General announced that the disputed questions would be referred to arbitration for assessment of the amount of compensation.

The Attorney-General admitted a breach of contract by the Crown, and the Postmaster-General would give a declaration to this effect. The petitioners were entitled to damages on the basis of six stations.

FOOD SUPPLIES FROM UKRAINE.

HIGH HOPES OF CENTRAL POWERS DOOMED.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 18.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

High hopes of the Central Powers with regard to the food supplies from Ukraine are apparently doomed to disappointment. The "Germania" says that the agriculturists in Ukraine are faced with ruin. Complete anarchy prevails in the villages. Sowing of crops is faulty and all the cornstocks are hidden, so that the large towns in Ukraine are threatened with scarcity. The "Germania" hopes that the situation will improve when the troops penetrate East Ukrainia.

GERMAN NAVAL EXPANSION.

PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE RUSSIAN FLEETS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Mar. 17.
Recd. 5-10 p.m., Mar. 19.

The German official press states that Germany is willing to abandon claims for repayment of expenditure on war prisoners in return for the Russian Baltic and Black Sea fleets.

JOFFE, RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR AT BERLIN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Mar. 17.
Recd. 5-10 p.m., Mar. 19.

M. Joffe, who was President of the peace delegation, has been appointed Russian Ambassador at Berlin.

KING OF RUMANIA IN SWITZERLAND.

ATTEMPT AT AVERESCU'S LIFE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-10 p.m., Mar. 19.

An unconfirmed report states that the King of Rumania has gone to Switzerland.

A Sofia telegram states that Averescu resigned owing to an attempt to assassinate him.

RESULT OF S. WALES MINERS' BALLOT.

SMALL MAJORITY AGAINST FURTHER COMBING OUT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 19.

The voting of the South Wales miners shows 48,420 for and 47,726 against, the Government's proposal to cob out 50,000 miners in Britain for the Army.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-30 p.m., Mar. 19.

The previous figures of the ballot of South Wales miners on the question of combing out 50,000 men from mining in Britain were incomplete. The final result is 59,256 for and 60,870 against.

PETROGRAD TROOPS COMPLETELY DEMOBILISED,

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Mar. 17.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 18.

Complete demobilisation of troops in the Petrograd district has been ordered.

CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

CHANG-TSELING'S TROOPS REACH OUTSKIRTS OF PEKING.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PEKING, Mar. 18.
Recd. 8-15 p.m., Mar. 19.

The advance guard, of the army commanded by Chang Tseling, military governor of Mukden, has arrived at Fengtai just outside Peking. Preparations are being made to establish a camp within the walls of the Forbidden City. The exodus of inhabitants has commenced and merchants are secreting their valuables.

IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. S. N. BANERJEA'S SUGGESTION ACCEPTED.

INDIA AND IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Mar. 19.

At to-day's meeting of the Imperial Legislative Council held under the presidency of Sir George Lowndes, Sir Sankaran Nair laid a statement on the table showing amounts spent by the various local Governments on anti-malarial measures during the last ten years.

On the motion of Sir William Vincent the Indian Soldiers Litigation Bill was taken into consideration. When the Bill was introduced there was no disapproval and amendments proposed do not affect the principle of the Bill.

Capt. Ajab Khan moved three amendments relating to proceedings in law courts against Indian soldiers during absence on leave. He wanted the protection embodied in the Bill should be extended to Indian soldiers coming home on sick leave. He had known of cases in which soldiers came home for two months' on sick leave to improve their health and had been served with summons in civil courts and worried on that account. He, therefore, suggested that on such occasions soldiers should enjoy the same privilege as on active service.

Sir William Vincent said the attitude of Government was to accept the amendment moved by Capt. Ajab Khan provided there was no indication of disapproval from the Council. He was glad to utilise the experience of the mover and did not want to refuse the additional privilege which the mover sought. The amendment was supported by Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Chanda. The amendments were accepted and the Bill was passed.

MR. S. BANERJEA ON BENGAL INTERNMENTS.

Mr. Surendranath Bannerjea next moved a resolution for the appointment of a Committee for enquiring into the cases under the Defence of India Act, the Bengal Regulation III of 1818 and the cognate regulation of Madras and Bombay. Mr. Bannerjea said, he was anxious that its scope should not be misunderstood. It was merely an Advisory Committee. The final decision resting with the Government. All that he wanted was, to create a machinery which would help the Government in a difficult and delicate duty without weakening its authority and responsibility. They in this Council were an advisory body. Did they displace or weaken the authority of the Government? They rather helped the Government. He desired to guard against a misconception. He did not want to embarass the Government but to help it by dissipating clouds of mistrust and suspicion and gathering a volume of uneasiness and unrest which the administration of the Defence of India Act and the Regulation 3, under the existing conditions had created.

GOVERNMENT'S EXTRAORDINARY POWERS.

The Government has assumed extraordinary powers dispensing with the ordinary judicial safeguards that locked up people might be only a few hundred—without trial. People in their ignorance believed that some of these men were innocent. The feeling grew and spread infecting the whole community among the young section and not only among the younger men but amongst the representatives of the older generations. The other day a town hall meeting was held to appoint a vigilance committee in connection with these cases. Amongst others, Sir Benode Chandra Mitter, late Advocate-General, was present and Sir Rashbehari Ghosh, whose presence lent weight to the demonstration allowed himself to be nominated on the Committee. Young men have been snatched away from homes without the parents or guardians knowing the reason why. If the Government were to appoint an advisory committee consisting of men who inspired public confidence, and if, their verdicts were published with or without reasons, anxiety of the parents would be relieved, public feeling would be soothed and a calmer atmosphere produced. The Government would lose nothing but gain much. An Advisory Committee, he contended, was necessary not only to create a better state of feeling, but to prevent commission of gave blunders.

THE JUDICIAL SAFEGUARDS.

The judicial safeguards were not fads of lawyers. As an illustration of mistakes committed by the Government, Mr. Banerjea cited the recent "Sindhubala" case, which caused great indignation in the country. "Arrest first and enquire afterwards," that apparently was the motto of the C. I. D.—which was a violation of all law and justice, and cannons of propriety. If there was an Advisory Committee, all that had happened in the "Sindhubala" case would have been avoided and the Government would have been spared of the humiliation of acknowledging the deplorable error of the judgment of the police officials. Sir Reginald Craddock had observed that no loyal citizen need be alarmed at the introduction of this law. Could this be said in view of revelation of the "Sindhubala" case? If respectable women could be dealt with in this way, what guarantee was there that many innocent persons were not interned in the same way? Public confidence was shaken and least the Government could do was to appoint an Advisory Committee.

REGULATION III. OF 1818.

Mr. Banerjea next came to the second part of the resolution dealing with the Regulation III of 1818. Lord Morley wrote to Lord Minto in 1908 begging on him that, in no case of deportation should enquiry be held behind the back of the accused. The speaker wanted to know whether the instruction has been followed. The Regulation laid down that due regard should be paid to the health of the prisoners and a due provision should be made for the maintenance of their families. This used to be done in 1908 except perhaps in the case of Babu Krishna Kumar Mitter, who was confined in Agra jail and whose health broke down in consequence. The things had been changed for worse now. There were persistent complaints of the prisoners being confined in solitary cells. Babu Surendranath Roy repeated this thing at a meeting of the Bengal Council. This was not denied and he maintained solitary confinement was the severest form of punishment inflicted upon the prisoners. Under the penal code no case of solitary confinement could exceed three months and at no time at one time any one could be confined beyond 14 days. He wondered that there were all sorts of reports about the breaking down of health, attempt at suicide and cases of insanity.

JYOTISH CHUNDER GHOSH'S CASE.

Mr. Banerjea cited the case of Jyotish Chunder Ghosh, whose mother complained in a memorial to Viceroy, that her son was being artificially fed and was lying on his back and was paralysed. He should like to know what the Government had done in that case. Regulation 3 provided that on the first of January and the first of July reports regarding the health of the detenus should be submitted. He would ask the Hon. Home Member to lay reports about Jyotish Chunder Ghosh on the table. If there was an Advisory Committee there would be no occasion for reports of this kind. Mr. Banerjea contended that the English Act provided an Advisory Committee with a High Court Judge to preside over it. There was no reason why this should not have been done. He had heard objections against an Advisory Committee. One of them was, that responsibility of the Government would be weakened. But the Committee being only an advisory power the responsibility of the Government would remain as before. Another objection was, that members of the Committee would be exposed to the risk of violence. Indian members of the special tribunals who sentenced accused to long terms of imprisonment were never threatened. Then it was said that the Rowlatt Committee was sitting but the terms of reference of that Committee did not cover the individual cases as stated by the Chief Secretary to the Bengal Government. Mr. Banerjea quoted from a speech of Lord Ronaldshay in the Bengal Council and said that the Governor of Bengal was in favour of such a Committee as he advocated. There should be two judges of the High Court, one being Indian not necessarily from Bengal and three non-official Indian lawyers on the Committee. This would involve expense but Government spent larger sums in prosecuting political prisoners. They might spend a little more in doing them justice.

HOME MEMBER'S SYMPATHETIC REPLY.

Sir William Vincent, who followed Mr. Banerjea, said the mover's remarks showed that he recognised the necessity that had prompted Government to assume unusual powers. A Calcutta paper had said that the German-Indian conspiracy was a huge joke. That it was not a joke, had been proved to the hilt. He wished it was a joke. Those who were in detention were connected with the conspiracy or acts of violence but the question might be asked should not Government consider if it was necessary to keep them under detention after some time? He explained the procedure followed, and admitted that it was probable that mistakes had been made in one or two cases, as in the case of the "Sindhubalas," but the action of Government showed their anxiety that no injustice should be done. No one was interned without enquiry. The Home Member spoke of the Hon. Mr. T. G. Cumming as one whose scrupulous love of justice was well known. The Government of India were in complete agreement with the intention of the Government of Bengal as indicated in Lord Ronaldshay's speech in Council regarding the enquiry about future cases.

APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE.

The Home Member said the Government of India were prepared to ask Local Governments to appoint a committee consisting of one English and one Indian officer of judicial experience, one of whom must be a High Court Judge, to shift the evidence and enquire into the cases. He would also ask Local Governments to consider the mover's suggestion that newspapers should be supplied to political prisoners. The Local Governments would also be asked to appoint one or two non-official visitors to visit the political prisoners, and address their report and suggestions to the Government direct. The Government of India thought that it was imperative to satisfy public opinion in this respect. He hoped their action will not be misinterpreted. He concluded by saying that the Council would take the earnest desire of Government to meet non-official views into account. At the same time, he would like to say that Government would not relax in any way their efforts to maintain public order and tranquility. He paid a warm tribute to the Bengal Government for work done in this connection. He gave detailed accounts of the cases of some individual prisoners.

GOVERNMENT THANKED.

Sir G. M. Chitnavis said the partial acceptance of the resolution showed the anxiety of Government to do all they can to meet wishes of law-abiding citizens.

The resolution was supported by the Maharajah of Cassimbazar and Mr Asad Ali Khan.

Mr. Shukul said the speech of the Home Member would be welcomed by the whole country.

Mr. Chandra said they were grateful that the Government of India were prepared to meet them half way.

Mr. Banerjea thanked Government for their attitude. The debate on the resolution would have a soothing effect on the disturbed public mind. The personnel of the proposed committee was of the utmost importance. He pressed for a third member and said the question of expenditure would not count.

Sir William Vincent agreed with the observation that a good deal depended on the personnel of the committee. It should be such as to inspire public confidence. He hoped Local Governments would take due note of the fact. He would ask Local Governments to associate an educationist with the visiting agency.

The resolution was withdrawn.

INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Mr. Banerjea, in moving that the Indian member for the next Imperial War Conference should be apppointed on the recommendation of the elected members of the Imperial Legislative Council, said that the appointment of an Indian member was a great gain to India. That the Council had decided to have an Indian member at every session was positive proof that India had fulfilled their expectations. It was an appreciation on which Indians congratulated themselves. The mover wanted to strengthen the hands of the Government by supporting their decision with public opinion. He referred to the question asked in the House of Commons about this election, and the reply given, but hoped the Government would accede to his request to choose one out of a number of names suggested by the non-official members.

The resolution was supported by Mir Asad Ali.

GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION.

Sir William Vincent, replying, quoted the speech of the Viceroy delivered on 7th February, 1917, in the Legislative Council. He also quoted the declaration of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on 17th May, 1917, and the reply of the Secretary of State to Mr. Charles Roberts on the same subject, and said in view of the decision of his Majesty's Government he could not accept the resolution. Mr. Banerjea was beating his head against the wall.

Mr. Banerjea: We always do. (Laughter.)

Continuing, Sir William Vincent said, however sympathetic their attitude might be, they could not change the constitution of the Conference. He paid an eloquent tribute to the services rendered by Sir S. P. Sinha.

Pandit Malaviya said, it was possible still in spite of the reply of Dr. Fisher to Mr. Denman to decide the question in the light of the resolution. Even Sir S. P. Sinha would not be accepted as a representative of the country, if he were not elected by the Council.

Mr. Jinnah said, he was not satisfied with the reasons advanced by the Home Member. If an Indian were to represent the best interests of the people at the Conference, the only machinery to elect him was the Legislative Council.

Dr. Sapru said the decision now being arrived at was extremely disappointing.

RESOLUTION LOST.

After Mr. Banerjea had replied the resolution was put to the meeting and rejected. Mr. Jinnah asked for a division. The voting was 16 for the resolution and 39 against it.

The Council adjourned till the 22nd instant.

THE STAR CHAMBER ACT.

DEPOSIT RS. 2000 ASKED FROM "HINDVASI."

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KARACHI, Mar. 19.

The District Magistrate of Hyderabad (Sind) has ordered the printer and publisher of the "Hindvasi" a vernacular daily of Hyderabad to deposit Rs. 2,000 as security under the Press Act.

SUIT AGAINST KARACHI PORT TRUST.

ONE LAKH DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

KARACHI, Mar. 19.

The civil suit filed against the Karachi Port Trust in June 1912 has just been disposed of by the Privy Council. The plaintiffs, Messrs. Mackinzee Davidson and Ibrahimji Hakimji, joint engineering contractors for the Port Trust, claimed one lakh damages for breach of contract in the District Court, Karachi, in June 1912. The Additional Judicial Commissioner awarded Rs. 400 as damages and plaintiffs appealed to the High Court, who in July 1913 set aside the lower court's decision and awarded Rs. 20,000.

The Port Trust filed an appeal before the Privy Council in December 1913, which was heard last week after more than three years' delay. The Privy Council allowed the appeal, setting aside the decision of the High Court and of the Court of the Judicial Commissioner in Sind and allowing costs in all courts.

ARREST OF A SHIP'S CAPTAIN.

ALLEGED CONTRAVENTION OF OPIUM ACT.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

RANGOON, Mar. 19.

Yesterday Mr. Macmanus, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Rangoon searched for opium on board a steamer in port, in the course of which he asked for the keys of ship's safe. These could not be found and a local locksmith broke open the safe. With the bundle of clothing therein four seers of opium were found. The captain, J. G. Smith, said his Chinese servant was the only person on board who knew where the safe's key was kept. The servant was arrested, but to-day as a result of the sworn statement to the Magistrate by Mr. Macmanus a warrant was issued for the arrest of Captain Smith under section B (E) of the Opium Act, bail in one surety of Rs. 1,000 being allowed.

THE COTTON DANGER.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BROKERS.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Cotton Brokers' Association will be held to-day at the rooms of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association at Colaba at 1 p.m. (S. T.), where the question of the rise in cotton prices will be discussed with the representatives of several other bodies. Members of all grades are invited.

COTTON GAMBLING.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—It has been established, by your various correspondents, and it has also been admitted on all hands, that the present dangerous situation of the Cotton Market has been brought about, by wild speculation in Broach cotton, without any intention of taking or giving delivery, which is being carried on, chiefly at Calcutta, Indore, Bikaner, etc., as well as in Bombay, in Kacha Khandi. If steps had been taken some time before to stop this kind of pure gambling, the situation of the Cotton Market, would not have become so dangerous and complicated as at present. To give an idea of the nature of the business done in Kacha Khandi and the past history of the same, as well as the law relating thereto, will be found interesting.

About three months ago Sutta in Kacha Khandi was started. This Sutta is carried on in Shaik Memon Street and the Motishah's Chawl, where brokers have hired rooms and these rooms are common houses. The Sutta is played upon the rates of cotton from Saturday evening to Saturday evening at the closing of Colaba. The unit is from bales, *i.e.*, 2½ candies being the minimum quantity for a Soda. The Sodas are with regard to cotton bales of Broach bale which are under half a candy and Sodas are entered into through brokers. The brokers keep their shops in the above places, where they register the bets in their books and also show the amounts deposited for each Soda. There also Teji-Mundi Sodas are entered into. The Sodas are settled every Monday with reference to the rate of Broach cotton on the previous Saturday at the closing of the Colaba Cotton Green. The brokers charge their commission for the same.

This Sutta is pure wagering and the transaction, *i.e.*, Sodas are purely wagering transactions. No delivery is taken or given or contemplated to be taken or given by the parties to the transactions of the Broach cotton bales referred to in the Sodas and the brokers through whom these Sodas are entered into, know that in case delivery is either given or taken or contemplated to be given or taken and it is impossible to give or take delivery. These wagering transactions are included in the definition of gambling in the Gambling Act of Bombay. The transactions are settled, *i.e.*, difference in rates is taken or paid on every Monday with reference to the rate on the previous Sunday at the closing of Colaba which are absolutely an uncertain and unascertained event in reference to which the chance or risk is taken.

While Mr. Sloane was working as a Superintendent in the C. I. D., Bombay, the Kacha Khandi Sutta was going on. He prosecuted certain brokers and parties doing Sodas under the Gambling Act with keeping a common gaming house and gambling and they were convicted and fined. After this the said Sutta was stopped. Only about three months ago the Sutta has been started again.

Another Sutta named the Kachi Anna Khandi Sutta is also played in the said premises. The special feature of this Sutta is that the difference calculated, is in annas and not rupees. Supposing the difference between rates at which the Sodas are done and the closing rate on Saturday is Rs. 16 per candy. Then the loss or profit is taken as not Rs. 16, but 16 annas per candy.

The minimum number of bales for which a Soda in Kacha Khandi and Kachi Anna Khandi could be entered into is 5, *i.e.*, 2½ candies.

The following decisions show that the books in which bets are registered and the Valan paper, etc., are instruments of gambling under the Act and the house wherein they were found was a common gaming house:—

(1) Emperor v. Jamnadas Hirachand, 5 Bom. L. R., p. 129.

(2) Emperor v. Narotam Motiram, 5 Bom. L. R., p. 1047.

(3) Emperor v. Lakhamsey Malsi, 6 Bom. L.R., p. 1091.

(4) In Manilal v. Imperator Criminal Revisional Application No. 250 of 1915, Batchelor and Haywood, J.J., followed the earlier cases as regards papers containing the record of the bets laid, being instruments of gaming.

The following cases may be considered as to what is a wager:—

(1) In Thaker v. Hardy, 4 Q.B.D. 688, Cotton, L. J., says that "the essence of gaming and wagering consists in the agreement that one party is to win and the other party is to lose upon a future event which at the time of the agreement is of an uncertain nature, *ie.*, that if the future even turns out one way the plaintiff is to win, and if it turns the other way he is to lose."

(2) In Sassoon v. Tokersi, I.L.R. 28 Bom. 616, 6 Bom. L. R. 521, Jenkins, C. J., says: "Now it is of the essential of a wager that each side should stand to win or lose according to the uncertain or unascertained event in reference to which the chance or risk is taken. In Hampden v. Walsh, L.R. 1 Q.B.D. 192, a wager was described as a contract by A to pay money to B on the happening of a given event in consideration of B paying money to him on the event not happening, which in Carlile v. Carbolic Smoke Ball Co. (1892) 2 B.B.D. 490, a mere elaborate definition is formulated by the present Lord Brampton on the same lines."

(3) In Bhagwandas v. Burjorji, 15 Bom. L.R. 185, Beaman J. says: "That a true wager is where two persons agree to pay and receive respectively money or moneys worth merely upon the happening or not of an uncertain future event and for no other consideration whatever."

(4) In Jessiram Tulsidas, 14 Bom. L.R., p. 617 at p. 623, Beaman J.'s view is that Teji-Mundi contracts are essentially wagering contracts, etc.

Mr. S. G. Venlinker, who is considered an authority on the question of gambling, etc., was requested to express his opinion, and he has given the following opinion:—

"Both the Suttas described in the case submitted for opinion, are clear forms of the most pernicious gambling in differences on the closing rates of cotton at Colaba on each Saturday. The books or registers in which a record is kept of the bets and the Valan papers are 'instruments of gaming' within the definition of that expression in Section 3 of Act 4 of 1887 (Bombay). Section 5, B.L.R. 129, 5 Bom. L.R. 1047, 6 Bom. L.R. 109, 17 Bom. L.R. 1080. The rooms in which the bets are taken or registered, are a 'common gaming house' within the meaning of that expression in Section 3 of the Act. The brokers and betters would be punishable under Section 5 of the Act, if found in the rooms when executing a warrant properly issued under Section 3 of the Act. The keeper, owner or occupier of the rooms are guilty of an offence under Section 4 of the Act. The case presents no difficulty whatsoever, the only matter for surprise is that this extravagant and demoralising form of public gambling should have been allowed to be openly carried on for three months in this city. The audacity of the promoters is also remarkable inasmuch as they do not seem to have even taken the trouble of disguising or cloaking the real nature of the business done in their rooms."

(Sd.) S. G. VELINKER.

18th March, 1918.

Gambling in Broach cotton, carried on at Calcutta, Indore, Bikaner, etc., is of a worse type than Kacha Khandi. The entire mischief has been brought about this year by these gambling markets. Will not the Government, take immediate action for the purpose of stopping this wild gambling played at Calcutta, Indore, etc., differences on transactions in these markets also being paid on the rates at Bombay prevailing on a particular day. The Hon. Mr. Cadell, the Chairman of the Cotton Committee, ought to take instant steps in the direction of putting down this mischievous speculation.—Yours, etc.,

X. Y. Z.

Bombay, March 19.

LATE SIR WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.

PUBLIC MEETING IN BOMBAY.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Association a public meeting will be held at the Excelsior Theatre to-day at 5-30 p.m., Sir N. G. Chandavarkar presiding, to express grief at the loss of Sir William Wedderburn, when the following resolutions will be moved:—

"That this public meeting of the inhabitants of Bombay puts on record its sense of deep regret at the loss to the people of India by the death of Sir William Wedderburn, who for sixty years devoted himself with singleness of purpose to their service by advocating (1) the interests of the agricultural masses of their country, (2) the rights and privileges of the Ruling Princes and Chiefs of India and their States, (3) the educational and social advancement of India's people in general and women in particular, and (4) the promotion of Hindu-Moslem unity and who, on his retirement from the Indian Civil Service in 1887, both in and out of Parliament, making India's cause his own and at great self-sacrifice, laboured strenuously to secure for this country the right of Self-Government and the status of equal partnership within the British Empire."

Proposed by Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad.
Seconded by Mr. W. A. Chambers.
Supported by the Hon. Mr. R. P. Paranjpye.
Supported by Mr. Jehangir B. Petit.
Supported by Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas.

"That a suitable memorial be erected to the late Sir William Wedderburn and the following Committee (of persons whose names will be read at the meeting) is hereby appointed to invite subscriptions and take all necessary steps in that behalf":—

Proposed by Mr. H. A. Wadya.
Seconded by Mr. M. R. Jayakar.
Supported by the Hon. Mr. Lallubhai Samaldas.

"That the Resolutions Nos. 2 and 3 be communicated by the Chairman of this meeting to Lady Wedderburn with a letter of condolence on behalf of the meeting."

Proposed by Mr. N. M. Samarth.
Seconded by Mr. Faiz B. Tyabji.

PROF. KARVE'S 61ST BIRTHDAY.

ADDRESS TO BE PRESENTED.

It is proposed to offer an address with a purse to Prof. Karve, who has been unceasingly and earnestly striving for the amelioration of Indian women, on the occasion of his 61st birthday, which is going to be celebrated by the Hindu Widows' Home Association on the 18th of April, 1918, at Hingane Budruk, Poona City.

All representatives of ladies' clubs, Seva Sadans, and others interested, are requested to join the movement. Contributions may be sent to the Secretaries. Those ladies that can come personally to attend the ceremony, should inform the secretaries of their intention. Ladies in Bombay should correspond with the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Tarabai Modak, 10, Atmaram Mansions, Girgaum, Bombay, and those outside should correspond with the secretaries in Poona. Help should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. Kamalabai Kashalker, Shanti Bhuvan, Pedder Road.

FIRST U. S. CONCRETE SHIP LAUNCHED.

ADVANTAGES OVER STEEL VESSELS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 4-50 p.m. Mar. 19.

A telegram to "The Times" from Washington, says it is officially announced that the first big concrete ship of 8,000 tons has been launched on the Pacific coast completely successfully six weeks after the concrete was first poured into the forms. Arrangements are being made to build fifty-four more concrete vessels. The advantages claimed for such ships are that the construction does not interfere with the building of steel vessels, the concrete ships can be launched within ninety days after the work starts and the cost of plant is only one-twentieth part of the cost of a steel shipyard of equal capacity.

EASTERN OPERATIONS UNDER VERSAILLES COUNCIL.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 18.
Recd. 5-10 p.m., Mar. 19.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that operations in the Eastern war theatres came under the control of the Allied Council at Versailles.

OPENING OF ZENANA SCHOOL AT BHAVNAGAR.

(From a Correspondent.)

BHAVNAGAR, Mar. 15.

The Bhavnagar State has the honour of having the first girls' school in the whole province of Kathiawar, which opened so long ago as A.D. 1857. The total number of girls' schools now existing is 25 in which about 3,700 girls are receiving their education. This satisfactory result is due to the keen interest their Highnesses the Maharaja and Maharani Saheb personally take in matters educational. It is a well-known fact that the time-honoured *purdah* system prevents many Rajput girls from attending the ordinary schools. Her Highness the Maharani Saheb saw the difficulties of the situation and thought of starting a Zenana Boarding School under her own supervision. A handsome school house has been provided for this purposes near the Palace and it is equipped with all modern requirements, due regard being paid to the sentiments of the community with respect to the *purdah*. Miss Sinha has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the institution and it is hoped that the Girasia girls will take advantage of the institution specially designed for them by her Highness the Maharani Saheb.

His Highness Sir Amarsinhji Saheb, the Rajsaheb of Vankaner, was invited by her Highness to perform the opening ceremony of the Shri Nand Kunvarba Rajput Zenana School. A special *shamiana* was erected in the school compound and it was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Among those present were their Highnesses the Maharaja Saheb and Maharani Saheba of Bhavnagar, the State and the Railways officials and prominent citizens of the town.

Miss Sinha opened proceedings with a suitable speech.

After this she read over telegrams from her Highness Ramba Saheb of Porbandar and Mr. Abdul Karim Jamal of Rangoon wishing prosperity to the institution.

His Highness the Rajsaheb after opening the school delivered an interesting address on the scope of female education in the State.

Mr. Vajeshanker Gavrishanker, ex-Dewan of Bhavnagar, next announced a donation of Rs. 8,000 to the school, the interest of which was to be spent in founding scholarships by their Highnesses in the manner they deemed fit. Mr. Karsanji then announced a monthly scholarship of Rs. 20 by his Highness the Mahendra Maharaja Saheb of Panna. Both these offers were received with great cheers and the function ended after the distribution of garlands.

"CHAUFFEUR" AND ITS ORIGIN.

A Canadian journal gives the following explanation as to why the word "chauffeur" came to be used to describe a motor driver:—"More than a hundred years ago, in the Rhenish provinces on the borderland between France and Germany, there flourished a particularly atrocious variety of bandits. These desperadoes made a practice of holding the soles of their victims' feet in front of a fierce fire in order to force them to reveal the hiding places of their valuables. So they came to be known as 'scorchers,' or in French 'chauffeurs.' After a century had passed the French were in need of a term to apply to the driver of an automobile, and with a certain historic humour they used the old 'scorcher.' It was applied in derision, and is not closely applicable, but it has stuck."

For sentiment's sake alone the theatrical world at large will learn with regret, says a writer in the "Daily News," that the Theatre Royal, Sadler's Wells, is to be converted into a warehouse. The present building, once in "rural London," has been standing since 1765, on the site of a music-hall bearing Sadler's name, erected in 1863. It was at Sadler's Wells that Grimaldi achieved his many triumphs as did Phelps in his Shakespearean productions, which were freely patronised by fashionable London. It was there, too, that T. P. Cooke ran the old melodrama, "Black-Eyed Susan." Brought to misfortune by the shifting of the population and the rise of the music-halls, Sadler's Wells, took to presenting thrilling drama at two pence a time, and more recently has been a picture house. Three or four years ago a scheme was fruitlessly organised to save it for the public as a "People's Theatre."

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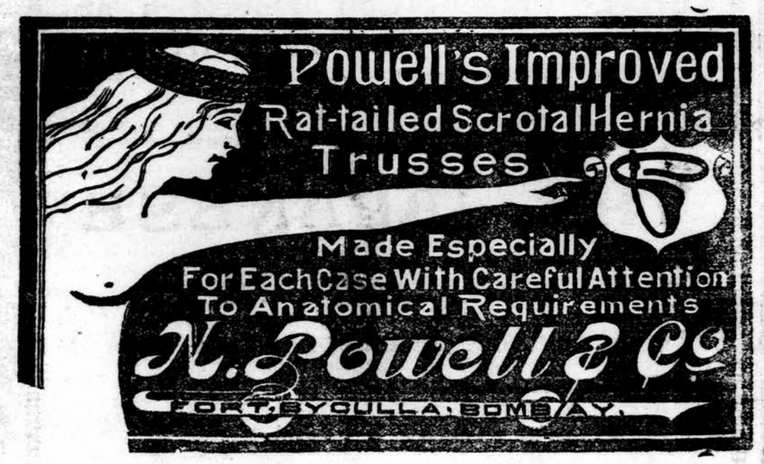

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SERIAL STORY.

THE MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER*

BY E. R. PUNSHON.

(Special for "The Bombay Chronicle.")

SYNOPSIS OF INSTALMENTS I III.—A middle-aged peer, Lord Strange, is in low water. Mortgage has him in its clutches. This state of affairs is being discussed by the peer and his wife, when the Hon. Hugh Strange enters, and says he has done as his father suggests, and has proposed to the heiress, Gertrude Guyers, solely on account of her money. She is out for gain herself, and confesses her desire for a title. That night, when all have retired, Hugh hears someone downstairs, and discovers a man at the door of the safe, where the strictly entailed Strange diamonds are deposited. There ensues a chase, and Hugh follows his man until the latter darts into a house. Hugh follows, and is met by a beautiful young woman, called Dorine, who says that only she and her father are in the house. The father appears on the scene, and Hugh is just deciding that his age is affected, when the man stuns him with a blow. He recovers consciousness to find himself in his father's garden. It now transpires that the safe was opened by someone who knew the lock-combination word. This had been altered a short time before when Lady Strange had explained the mechanism of the safe to Miss Guyers. Hugh goes to see Mr. Guyers, who is much devoted to the memory of his dead wife. He also endeavours to find the house whefe Dorine lives, and, when he finds it, is amazed to see Gertie Guyers at one of the windows.

CHAPTER VII.

TO LET.

He waited a minute or two and then knocked again. There was no answer and he drew back and looked up at the house. It was of the most ordinary appearance, a small old-fashioned, two-storied building with the usual long lace curtains, and on the door a knocker and a letter box of brightly polished brass. There was nothing to distinguish it in any way from its neighbours and when he knocked a third time there was still no answer.

He looked again at the windows. There was no sign of life at any of them. The house was semi-detached and there was a side door by which one apparently got round to the back. He went to this and tried it and found it locked. He returned to the front door of the house and stood looking at it thoughtfully.

Either he was a victim of the most strange delusion a sane and normal man had ever suffered under or else he had seen at that window, behind those curtains, first Gertrude Guyers, his fiancee, and next the lovely, unknown Dorine.

Yet what possible connection could there be between these two and what could Gertrude be doing here and why should she have started back with such a look of fear on seeing him?

It appeared incomprehensible. He put the problem from him with the idea that to think too much would be to invite madness and then a new idea came to him. He went out of the garden of the house and a few yards down the street. Just a little distance away there was a side street, the house at which he had seen, or dreamed he saw, the two girls being next to the corner house. He turned down this side street and found the garden of the corner house bordered it, separated from it by wall. Looking over the wall he could see that the garden of the house that interested him was small and had some trees in it. The conviction grew in his mind that thus strangely he had found again the very place to which his wild midnight chase had led him.

"But what does it mean" he asked himself. "What can Gertrude have to do with it. And Dorine?. . .and what can they be doing there together?"

He went back to the house and knocked once more but without obtaining any reply. Evidently the inmates were determined not to admit them. He was strongly tempted to force an entrance, to smash the glass of one of the windows and climb in or else to clamber over the locked side door and make his way round to the back. But he felt he must give up that idea, much as it tempted him, and he consoled himself with the reflection that he had certainly gained a point in having discovered the indentity of the house of his adventure, a thing which that morning had seemed impossible to hope for. He gave a final knock and then went away when that, too, remained unanswered.

"I shall speak to Gertrude," he said to himself.

As he walked away it struck him that the man in following whom he had been led here had only seemed to stop and look about him when he got near this house. Probably, then, it had been his destination and he had wished to ensure himself he was not watched before going in. Then was Gertrude expecting him and had she been at the window looking out for him when instead she had seen Hugh?

It appeared to him his thoughts were leading him into a mental maze from which no reasonable exit could exist. He shook himself impatiently with the reminder that Gertrude Guyers was the daughter of one of the richest men living and a reigning belle of London society—and his affianced wife as well.

"I am going clean out of my mind," he told himself.

Nevertheless he was determined to speak to her at once. He made his way back to the Park Lane house. As he approached he saw a taxi drive up and Gertrude herself alight and run into the house. He knocked and was admitted and in the hall met Mr. Guyers, just coming down the great central stairway.

"Ah, Hugh," he said, surprised at seeing him again.

"I wanted to speak to Gertrude," Hugh answered. "She is in, is she not?"

"Yes, just got back," Mr. Guyers answered and added, aware of a certain disturbance in Hugh's tone. "Why? There's nothing wrong, is there?"

He turned back as he spoke. Hugh followed him into the great inner hall of marble where they found Gertrude who was coming out of the drawing room with her outdoor things still on.

"Why, Hugh," she said, looking surprised, "why, I thought you had gone, you ought to be at home dressing for dinner. You'll be late if you don't mind and they are very punctual at Belgrave Square. Has pa been keeping you?"

"No," Hugh answered, "no, I came back I wanted to speak to you. . .I saw you just now in Gill Street, din't I?"

"Gill Street," Gertrude repeated, "Gill Street why, where's that I've just this minute got back from Madame Soyer's in Hanover Square. The wicked woman hasn't my gown a bit ready, I had all my journey for nothing. I didn't see you, Hugh," she added, looking at him with clear, candid eyes. "Which is Gill Street?"

"It's past Hanover Square," he answered. "Nearer Marylebone. I was walking down it when I saw you look at me from the window of one of the houses there."

"What do you mean?" Gertrude exclamied, looking extremely puzzled. "I have been nowhere except to Madame Soyer's."

"What house was it?" Mr. Guyers asked.

"One of the houses in Gill Street," Hugh answered. "Thirteen was the number. I was walking along when I saw Gertrude looking at me out of the window. I knocked but I got no answer."

"My dear Hugh," began Gertrude, and then burst into a laugh.

Mr. Guyers looked extremely puzzled as though he did not at all understand. Hugh felt extremely uncomfortable. Now that he had put his story into words he felt his conviction weaken suddenly. Suppose he had made a mistake? Suppose he had been deceived by some singular chance resemblance and then still further excited by the appearance of Dorine? After, all, he had had but the merest glimpse of them, one after the other.

"You must have been dreaming my dear Hugh," Gertrude said, still laughing. "What should I be doing in a house in What-did-you-call-it Street?"

"That is what I couldn't imagine," Hugh answered, feeling more and more awkward.

Gertrude laughed again, very heartily. She seemed exceedingly amused.

"Though, after all," she said, "you know I do go into houses sometimes. If you did see me in one, why should it give you such a shock?"

She paused, still laughing, but her brows met in a dark and sombre line across her forehead.

"Why, I do believe he is jealous, pa," she laughed, and still laughing she went off, leaving the two men standing by the fountain from which the ceaseless, soft sound of falling water filled the whole huge hall with its gentle murmur.

"I suppose perhaps I was mistaken," Hugh muttered.

"I don't think I quite understand," Mr. Guyers remarked gravely. "Even if you did think you saw Gertrude, I do not see why you should be so disturbed. She might have been visiting a friend."

"I. . .I suppose it was I thought she looked frightened," Hugh answered, unwilling to recount the details of his midnight adventure and feeling he could hardly tell the father of the girl he was about to marry how great was the impression made upon him by the beauty of the unknown Dorine. "It all seemed so odd. . .I couldn't make it out, think I thought something might be wrong." Mr. Guyers did not speak. Hugh felt that he was disturbed and troubled. Gertrude herself had only laughed and treated it all as a joke and yet now he reflected that he was not certain her laughter had been quite natural. Her father's face remained very grave as though he saw in this incident more than he chose to explain.

"Perhaps I was deceived by some extraordinary resemblance," Hugh remarked. "One hears of such cases. . .of course I had only the merest glimpse."

"Not very comfortable if there is someone so like Gertrude you could mistake her for her," Mr. Guyers muttered.

Hugh did not answer. In his heart, though he strove to persuade himself he had been mistaken, he was certain it was Gertrude he had seen.

"Are you still talking about my double?" Gertrude called down to them, leaning over the marble balustrade of the landing above. "Hadn't you better run away and get dressed? You'll be late, both of you."

"Yes, yes," Mr. Guyers answered.,

"Oh, and Hugh," Gertrude continued, "I didn't pay my taxi and it's still waiting. You might pay the man for me, will you? From Hanover Square, you know," she added with another laugh," "not from What's-the-name Street."

She laughed again and vanished and Hugh went to obey her. She had certainly come from Hanover Square and not from Gill Street—Hugh did not question the man on the point, the amount on the indicator should she had not come from the further point. And yet Hugh was aware of an uncomfortable feeling that perhaps she had given him this errand on purpose for him to satisfy himself. Although as far as that went it would be quite possible for any one to hurry from Gill Street to Hanover Square, take a taxi there, and arrive at Park Lane as soon as Hugh, who had walked the whole distance and who had not hurried.

The incident was disturbing. From one point of view it might be trivial enough, from another it hinted vaguely at strange and dark mysteries. And what could be the connection between Gertrude and Dorine? He made up his mind not to torment himself with these questions any longer.

The dinner party at Belgrave Square was quite a success. There had been as yet no public announcement of the engagement between Hugh and Gertrude, but a good many people knew it privately—it had been expected indeed for sometime—and they received various congratulations. But Hugh had rather a shock when in the drawing room towards the end of the evening Mr. Guyers took the opportunity to say to him in a whisper:

"Will you come round early in the morning, about nine? I should like to visit this house in Gill Street with you. I feel as ough I want to get to the bottom of what you saw there."

Hugh promised and the next morning saw him at Park Lane punctually at the hour appointed. Mr. Guyers was waiting for him, the millionaire generally breakfasted early and alone for Gertrude was a late riser. They set off together, hailing a taxi cab as soon as they were out of sight of the house, for apparently Mr. Guyers did not wish to use one of his own cars or to let any of his people know his errand. At the top of Gill Street they dismissed the taxi and went on foot.

"They won't answer us," Hugh remarked, "they will just let us knock."

"I'll see they do answer," retorted the millionaire grimly.

"It's the next house to this," Hugh said.

He stopped abruptly and the two men looked at each other a little queerly. The house was empty and a bill in the window announced that it was to let.

(To be continued on Sunday the 24th inst.)

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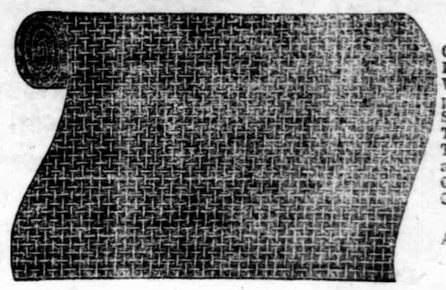

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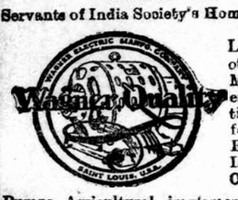

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(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, Mar. 18th.

	Bales.
Total Day's Sales at Liverpool	6,000
" " Sales on Spec. & for Exp.	250
" " Sales of East Indian	—
" " Imports	15,000
Mid: Americans spot trading value	23.65
Egyptain F.G.F. spot	30.40
New Orleans 10 a.m. — — (May	31.18
(July	30.60

OPENING TONE AND PRICES.

Liverpool, Mar. 18th.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

New Contracts:

Months.	To-day's price:
March	24.14
April	—
May	23.95
June	23.93
July	23.75

Old Contracts:

Months.	To-day's price
March	22.50
Mar.-Apl.	22.41
Apl.-May	22.33
May-June	22.27
June-July	22.16

CLOSING PRICES.

Liverpool, Mar 18th.

New Contracts:

Months.	To-day's prices
March	24.26
April	24.18
May	24.12
June	24.03
July	23.92

Old Contracts:

Months.	To-day's price:
March	22.60
March-April	22.51
April-May	22.43
May-June	22.35
June-July	22.27

EGYPTIAN COTTON:

Liverpool, Mar. 18th:

New Contracts:

Months:	To day's price:
March	Not received.
May	
July	

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Liverpool, Mar. 18th.

M.G. Bengal Good	16 83
" " Fully Good	17.33
" " Fine	17.70
No. 1 Oomra Good	16.59
" " Fully Good	16.98
" " Fine	19.46
Broach Good	21.50
" Fully Good	21.75
" Fine	22 00
Scinde Good	16 83
" Fully Good	17.33
" Fine	17.70

BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

Bombay, Mar. 19.

Some business has been reported to-day between offices at Rs. 728 to 732 for Good Broach April.

QUOTATIONS 6 P.M.

Good M. G. Broach	April	..	Marwardi bazar closed till Wednesday next.
Fine " Akola	March	..	
F. G. Bengal	"	..	

BOMBAY COTTON TRADES ASSOCIATION.

QUOTATIONS 19TH MARCH 1918.

Growths:	Super-fine.	Fine	F.G	Gd.	Delivery
M.G. Bengals	656	646	584	554	Ready
M.G. Sind Punjab	65?	646	584		"
M.G. Wardha		710	650		"
M. G. Nagpore		710	650		"
M.G. Yeotmal		700			"
M.G. Dhamangaon Pulgaon		694			"
M.G. Amraoti		686			"
M.G. Khamgaon Akola Fair staple		680	668		"
M.G. Khandesh			64?		"
M.G. Muthia		656	624		"
M.G. Broach	769	745			1-85 April.

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COLABA, 19th March 1918, at 5 p.m:

Growths	Super fine	Fine	Fully Good	Good	Delivery
Bengals (M.G)	656	646	584	552	Ready
Seside-Punjab (M.G.)	656	645	584	—	Ready
Khandesh (M.G.)	—	—	640	—	Ready
Akola Khamg Karanja (M.G)	—	680	660	—	Ready
Oomra rate descriptions (M.G)	—	676	656	—	Ready
Dhamangaum	—	694	674	—	Ready
Poolgaum (M.G)	—	—	—	—	Ready
Yeotmal (M.G.)	—	700	680	—	Ready
Nagpore	—	710	690	—	Ready
Kampti (M.G.)	—	—	—	—	Ready
Wardha H'ghat (M.G.)	—	710	650	—	Ready
Broach (M.G.)	760	745	—	—	Ready
Mathia (M.G.)	—	656	624	—	Ready

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of cotton produce, etc: for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m. of 19th March 18.

Cotton	8,139 bales
Wheat	19,199 cwts
Linseed	1,164 "
Rape &c.	1,023 "
Gingelly seed	398 "
Poppyseed	216 "
Groundnuts	1,127 "
Cashewseed	21,771 "
Rice	7,188 "
Myrabollans	4 "
Cottonseed	434 "
Mowraseed	—
Gram	2,175 "
Jowari	7,460 "
Maize	9,089 "
Barley	624 "

A Quilon correspondent wires that the Sessions Judge delivered judgment on Monday in the Brander murder case convicting the accused Sankaran Krishna and sentenced him to death.

MONEY AND SHARE MARKETS.

BULLION.

Bar Gold 26-6.
Sovereign 16-4.
Silver Ready Ex-duty 103-4.
Silver 4st Sett. Ex-duty 103-8.

EXCHANGE.

Bank Tel. Transfer 1/4 31/32.
Bank Demand Drafts 1/5 1/32.
3 months Sight Credits 1/5 13/32.
Bank Demand on France Fr. 192.
3 months Sight Francs Fr. 198½.
D.D. on Hongkong Rs. 213.
D.D. on Shanghai Rs. 303½.
T.T. on Japan Rs. 149½.
30 days sight Japan Rs. 144½
Bank demand on New York Rs. 297.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

The following are the nominal rates:
5 per cent War Loan 1929-47.
Ex-warrant 93/12.
5½ per cent War Bonds 1920-1922 99.
4 per cent Conversion Loan 80.
4 per cent Terminable Loan 93.
3½ per cent Paper 67.
4½ per cent Port Trust long dated due 1936 88.
4 percent Port Trust long dated 76.
4 per cent Municipal long dated 76.
4 per cent Municipal short dated 78.
4 per cent Bombay City Improvement Trust long dated 78.
5 per cent Municipal Tansa 93.
5 per cent Municipal Sanitary 93.
The following are the bank rates:—
Bank of Bombay 6 per cent.
Bank of Bengal 6 per cent.
Bank of Madras 7 per cent.

SHARES.

The share market was quiet but steady and a good amount of business was done both for April and May settlement. At the close the market was steady.

The following are the closing rates of the Bombay Stock Exchange:—

Standards 2,110, Swadeshis 2,137/8, Simplex 825, Pearls 652/8. New Greats 350, Madhavji 2,520, Kasturchands 1,335, Indore Malwas 385, Indore Bleachings 205, Fazulbhoys 920, Davids 627/8, Currimbhoys 425, Crescents 275, Colabas 1,435, Centurys 462/8 Nagpurs 2,622/8, By. Uniteds 1,070, Advances 1,290, Katni Ord. 257/8, Katni Defd. 1,375, Tata New Ordy. 100, Tata Old Defd. 1,137/8, and Bombay Burmas 1,145.

The following are the closing rates of the New Stock Exchange:—

Standars 2,112/8, Swadeshis 2,140, Pearls 655, New Greats 352/8, Madhavjis 2,525, Kohinoors 1,150, Kasturchands 1,225, Ind. Malwa 390, Indian Bleechings 202/8, Finlays 436/4 X.D., David 630, Currimbhoy 427/8, Crescents 277/8, Centurys 465, Nagpurs 2,627/8, Bombay Uniteds 1,080, Katni Ordy. 258/12, Katni Deferreds 1,380, Tata Old Deferreds 1,135, Alcocks 997/8, Bombay Steams 310.

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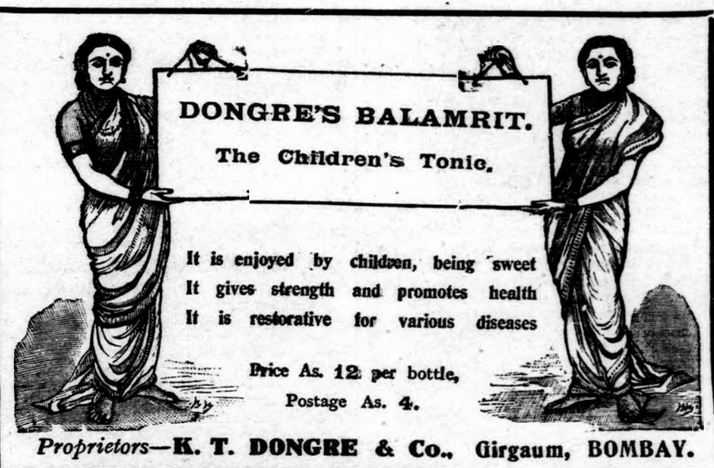

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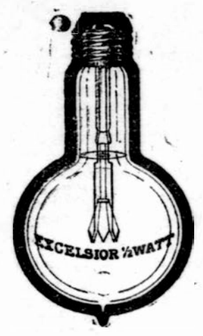

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COTTON COMMITTEE AT COIMBATORE.

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(From a Correspondent.)

COIMBATORE, Mar. 18.

The members of the Cotton Committee arrived by a special train at Erode on the morning of the 14th instant, after making a tour of the Madura district. The party left Erode by motor inspecting *en route* the tracts where Cotton had been grown by ryots according to their own indigenous methods. They halted at Tirapar, which is one of the rapidly progressing cotton centres of this district and visited Mr. D. Asher's ginning factory. From there the party proceeded to Palladar where they inspected the ginning factory owned by Messrs. Stanes and Co. At 4 p.m. the same day they arrived at Coimbatore.

The programme of the Committee for the first day commenced with the inspection of the central agricultural farm in company with Mr. G. A. D. Stuart, Director of Agriculture, and Mr. Wood, Superintendent of the farm. They inspected the different species of cotton grown on different methods.

The Committee then held its sitting in one of the lecture halls of the College on the top floor.

ENEMY OF CAMBODIA COTTON.

Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Iyer, the first witness examined, stated that the worst enemy of Cambodia Cotton was the stem weevil. He had no remedy to suggest except a systematic pulling out of the plant attacked by this pest as a sort of preventive measure and disposing of the pulled out plant either by burning or drowning.

In reply to Mr. N. M. Wadia witness said that he could not successfully combat the pests for the simple reason that cultivators in the neighbourhood would not adopt the preventive measures. Unless the ryots cooperated in the matter there was not much chance of overcoming the pests.

Mr. Parnell, the next witness examined, said that he was growing paddy as a special crop and cotton as only a subsidiary. He would emphasize the desirability of appointing a crop expert.

In reply to Mr. Wadia he said that if a particular variety should be tried experiment must first be made in a selected area of at least ½ acre. He pointed out that in the valuation of cotton there were certain points for consideration, to wit, persons seeking valuation, the circumstances under which valuations are sought for etc. The Cambodia crop varied throughout the Presidency. It did well in parts where there was sufficient rain.

CROSSING OF SPECIES.

Dr. C. A. Barber, who was next examined, had a note prepared by him on cotton cultivation in reference to soil, rainfall, climate, variety and other aspects of the crop which was appended to the written evidence of Mr. Parnell. When examined by the President, Dr. Barber said the crossing of one species of cotton with another would be much preferable.

In reply to Mr. Wadia he said that Cambodia though a garden crop came up very well in and around Pollachie, which is situated between the gaps of the Western Ghats and therefore enjoys much better rainfall.

LARGE CULTIVATION OF COTTON.

Mr. R. W. Cecil Wood said that the ruling high prices for cotton accounted for the very large area under cultivation and for a corresponding decrease in the area under food crops. He was of opinion that cereal crops did very well in red soils and cotton on black soils.

In reply to Mr. Roberts he said that Cambodia was grown in the farm as an irrigated crop only. The ginning percentage of this cotton was sometimes 37½.

In reply to Mr. Wadia he said that he sent two lbs of cotton to different firms for valuation and testing. Mr. Wadia observed that to carry out testing experiments there must be at least half a bale of lint to put into the machinery. Witness said that samples were sent to five firms and five mills and that none of them cared for increased quantity. He did not give the matter any more attention as there was no demand.

In reply to Mr. Hodgkinson he said that the ryots preferred to grow the valuable crop to food crops it did not pay a ryot to do select picking.

Again in reply to Mr. Wadia witness said that out of 250 acres of the farm there were 15 acres under Cambodia and 60 acres under dry cotton. If Uppam was carefully grown it would be suitable for this district. He was not in favour of giving six months' training to the ryots in the College.

COLLEGE TRAINING.

Speaking of the College training, he said that a student could be found competent to hold the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture if his training was supplemented by a practical training under a Senior Deputy Director.

Mr. E. W. Winter said in reply to the President that there were 47,000 spindles in both the old and the new spinning mills besides 370 power looms.

To Mr. Wadia witness said that there were two spinning mills and one weaving mill under his management. The bulk of the cotton his firm bought went for reeling yarn.

He suggested the formation of a sort of central bureau to get from the ryots the kapas and deal with them directly instead of through middlemen.

CROP SPECIALIST.

Mr. H. C. Sampson, in the course of his evidence said that he favoured the idea of having a crop specialist for propaganda work. With the examination of this witness the Committee rose for the day.

The Committee resumed its sittings today and examined Mr. T. G. Ralli.

Mr. H. C. Sampson, Deputy Director of Agriculture was recalled and examined.

The Committee closed its sittings in Coimbatore.

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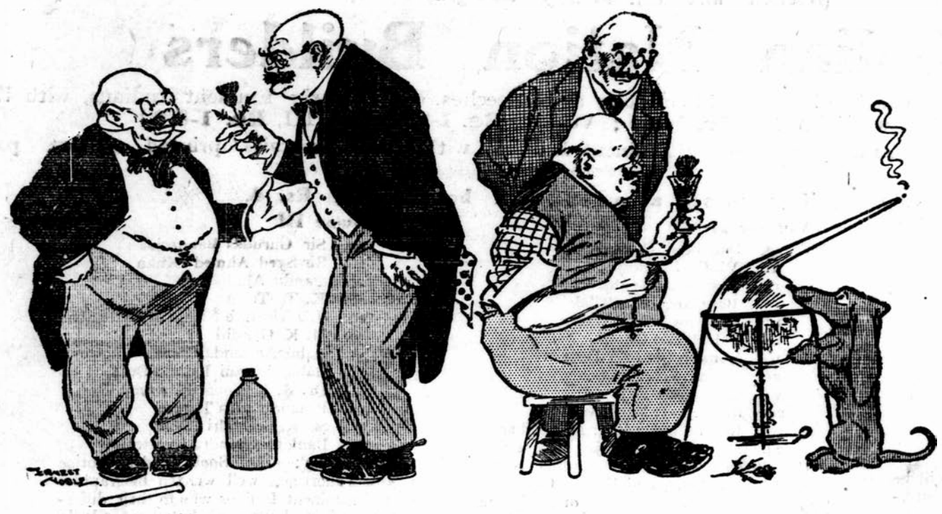

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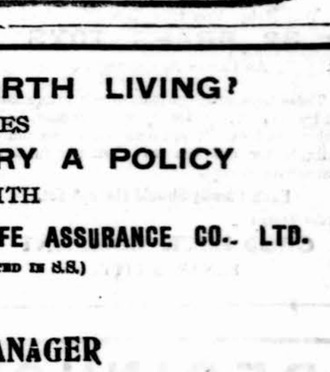

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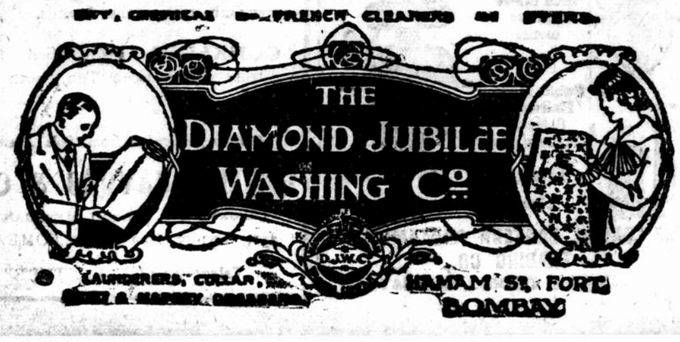

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